September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram by Richard Potts their attorney prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in the words following, to wit;

The State of Maryland, &c. To the Sheriff of Charles County Greeting, We command you that you take Sarah Ward late of Charles County otherwise called Sarah Ward of Charles County in the State of Maryland if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep, so that you have her body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next to answer unto James Gordon Henry Riddell, John Campbl, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram of a plea that she render unto them the sum of two hundred six pounds twelve shillings and two pence current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth: Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ, Witness Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire, chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of June anno Domini 1788.

Issued the 19th day of September 1788. R. Potts. John Gwinn, clk.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William by their attornies aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, to wit, Francis Ware Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit; Cepi, Fras. Ware Sheriff.

And the said Sarah Ward by Thomas D'Merrick her attorney appears in Court here; and thereupon on motion of the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William by their attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Sarah Ward give special bail in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said Sarah Ward by her attorney aforesaid files in Court here a certain bail piece, and which being approved of by the Court here is in form following, to wit;

James Gordon & others against Sarah Ward — Debt 206 ,, 12 ,, 2 c Money

You Archibald Johnson & Thomas Manatre do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Sarah Ward at the suit of the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, Senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram in an action of debt brought by the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell Senior, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Lowe and William Ingram against the said Sarah Ward in the General Court, They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith,

therewith this 14th day of October seventeen hundred and eighty eight

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court — before. Dan Jenifer, Richd Barnes.

Sir, I hereby empower you to appear for me in the above action in the General Court. Yours &c. Sarah Ward.

To Mr T. D'Merrick.

And the said Sarah Ward by her attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next, and he hath it, the same day is given to the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William also.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine comes again into the General Court here as well the said James Henry, John, John, Alexander and William by their attorney aforesaid as the said Sarah by her attorney aforesaid; and the said James, Henry, John, John, Alexander and William by their attorney aforesaid declared against the said Sarah in the plea aforesaid, as follows, to wit; Western Shore of Maryland and Charles County, to wit. Sarah Ward late of Charles County otherwise called Sarah Ward of Charles County in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto James Gordon Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram of a plea that she render unto them the sum of two hundred six pounds twelve shillings and two pence current Money which to them he owes & unjustly detains and so forth.

And whereupon the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram by Richard Potts his attorney say, that whereas the aforesaid Sarah Ward on the thirty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven at Charles County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged herself to be held and firmly bound unto the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram in the aforesaid sum of Two hundred and six pounds twelve shillings and two pence current Money to be paid to them the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram when afterwards she should be thereto required; Nevertheless the said Sarah Ward although often thereunto required hath not rendered or paid the said sum of Money or any part thereof to them the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram or either of them, but the said sum of Money or any part thereof, to the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram to render or pay, she the said Sarah Ward hitherto hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore they the said James Gordon, Henry Riddell, John Campbell, John Campbell Junior, Alexander Low and William Ingram say they are the worse and have damages to the value of Two hundred pounds current Money, and therefore they bring Suit, and so forth and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Sarah Ward which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Richard Potts for the Plaintiff. Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe.

Know all men by these presents that we Sarah Ward, Horatio Middleton,