on motion of the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid to bring into Court here the body of the said Simon whom he ought to have here this day in pursuance of the command of the writ aforesaid and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid, brings not into Court here the said Simon but therein doth make default. Whereupon on motion of the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said William Robertson Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid be further amerced the quantity of eighty six thousand one hundred and forty pounds current money the debt aforesaid in the declaration of the said John and Jane his wife and William in the plea aforesaid, and the costs and charges that have accrued, or may accrue, in the plea aforesaid in case he brings not into Court here the body of the said Simon on the second Tuesday of May next.

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 the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid and the said Frances Ware Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid in pursuance of the command of the writ aforesaid and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid, and in compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid, and to save the amerciament aforesaid brings into Court here the body of the said Benjamin Reeder, whereupon it is ordered by the Court here, that the rule and amerciament aforesaid be discharged and stricken out; and thereupon on motion of the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said Benjamin give special bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Benjamin by his said attorney, files in Court here a certain Bail piece, and which being approved of by the Court here is in form following, to wit;

Maryland, to wit;

John Machall	80,000 lbs Tob°
Benja Reeder	

You Jonathan Buck and John Cooksey do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Benjamin Reeder at the suit of the said John Machall in an action of debt brought by the said John Machall against the said Benjamin Reeder in the General Court for the Western Shore of this State, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 17th day of November seventeen hundred and eighty eight. Before, Benja Dyson. Wm D Briscoe.

Wm. H Dorsey Esqr.

Sir, I appoint you my attorney to defend the above suit

B Reeder.

And thereupon on motion of the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Benjamin answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said John and Jane his wife and William in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court will be entered against him

in default thereof, and the said Benjamin by his attorney William H Dorsey, defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said John and Jane his wife and William in the plea aforesaid, & to him it is granted the same day is given to the said John and Jane his wife and William also.

And the said William Robertson Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid although again solemnly called upon by order of the Court here on motion of the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid to bring into Court here the body of the said Simon Reeder whom he ought to have here this day in pursuance of the command of the writ aforesaid and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid, brings not into Court here the said Simon Reeder but therein doth make default; Whereupon on motion of the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said William Robertson Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid be amerced the further sum of ten pounds current money in case he brings not into Court here the body of the said Simon on the second Tuesday of October next; and the same day is given to the said John and Jane his wife and William also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine to which said day the said Benjamin had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid, of the said John and Jane his wife and William in the plea aforesaid; comes again into the General Court here as well the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid as the said Benjamin by his attorney aforesaid; and the said William Robertson Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid, in pursuance of the command of the writ aforesaid and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid, and in compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid and to save the amerciament aforesaid brings into Court here the body of the said Simon Reeder whereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the rule and amerciament be discharged and stricken out; and the said Simon by William H Dorsey his attorney appears in Court here; and the said Benjamin and Simon by their said attorney defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays in hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and also of the Condition thereof and to them they are read which being read and heard the said Benjamin and Simon says that the aforesaid John and Jane his wife and William their action aforesaid against them to have or maintain ought not to because they say that they the said Benjamin and Simon did pay unto the said John and Jane his wife and William the said quantity of Forty three thousand and seventy pounds of crop Tobacco in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said writing obligatory to wit at the County aforesaid and this they are ready to verify wherefore they pray Judgment whether the aforesaid John and Jane his wife and William their action aforesaid against them to have or maintain ought and so forth. And the said John and Jane his wife and William by their attorney aforesaid;