March next ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest thereon then the above obligation to be void else to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

Signed sealed and delivered In presence of us Jno. Roberts Henry his mark Nelson — Benjamin Musgrove (seal) Tho. Beatty (seal) Jacob Byer (seal)

Signed Sealed & Delivered by Thomas Beatty & Jacob Byer in presence of Richd. Potts

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and oyer was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid

At which said second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes the aforesaid George Scott by his attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Frederick county to whom the aforegoing writ was made and directed being the day of the return thereof likewise comes and makes return to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Copi Copies Nar & oyer left 1st Octr 1788. Tho. Beatty Shff.

And the said Benjamin Musgrove being called upon appears and at the prayer of the aforesaid George Scott by his attorney aforesaid the said Benjamin Musgrove is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid. Whereupon the said Benjamin Musgrove by Baker Johnson his attorney files in Court here the following bail piece to wit.

Georges Scott Plaintiff against Benjamin Musgrove Defendant

You Edward Stevenson and John Ritchie do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Benjamin Musgrove at the suit of the said George Scott in an Action of Debt brought by the said George Scott against the said Benjamin Musgrove in the General Court for the Western Shore. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 10th day of October 1788. before W. M. Beall.

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court. Geo Murdock

Baker Johnson Esqr. attorney for the Defendant.

And the said Benjamin Musgrove by Baker Johnson his said attorney

Attorney defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next court to wit the twelfth day of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine comes again as well the said George Scott by his attorney aforesaid as the said Benjamin Musgrove by his attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit the thirteenth day of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine comes again as well the said George Scott by his attorney aforesaid as the said Benjamin Musgrove by his attorney aforesaid.

And the said Benjamin Musgrove by his said attorney as before defends the force and Injury when and so forth and saith that the said George Scott his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c. because he saith that he the said Benjamin Musgrove did pay unto the said George Scott the said sum of money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and Effect of the Condition of the same writing obligatory, and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said George Scott his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c.

And the said George Scott saith that he by anything by the said Benjamin Musgrove above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the aforesaid Benjamin Musgrove did not pay unto him the said George Scott the aforesaid sum of money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said Benjamin Musgrove above by pleading hath alledged and of this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and the aforesaid Benjamin Musgrove in like manner and so forth.

Whereupon