John Roberts — Benjamin Musgrove (seal)
Henry his mark Nelson — Tho. Beatty (seal)
Jacob Byer (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered by Thomas Beatty and Jacob Byer in the presence of Richard 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 and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ Comes into our General Court here the aforesaid George Scott by Richard Potts his attorney aforesaid And now here also comes the aforesaid Thomas Beatty by Baker Johnson his attorney and files in Court here the following Bail Piece to wit.

George Scott plaintiff against Thomas Beatty Defendant. You John Ritchie and Samuel Duvall do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Thomas Beatty at the suit of the said George Scott in an action of Debt brought by the said George Scott against the said Thomas Beatty in the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be Content there with the eleventh day of October seventeen hundred and Eighty Eight. Before W. M Beall
Geo Murdock

To the Honble the Judges of the General Court.

To Baker Johnson Esquire Attorney for the Defendant

And the said Thomas Beatty by Baker Johnson his said 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 Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid And the said Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same

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 Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid.

And the said Thomas Beatty by Baker Johnson 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 Thomas Beatty 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 said 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 any thing by the said Thomas Beatty above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the aforesaid Thomas Beatty 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 Thomas Beatty above by pleading hath alledged and of this he prays may be enquired of by the Country And the aforesaid Thomas Beatty in like manner ands forth.

Whereupon this cause standing ready for Trial Command is given to the sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he cause to come before the Judges of our General Court here on the second Tuesday of May next twelve &c. by whom &c. and who neither &c. to recognize &c. because as well &c. the same day is given to the said parties then and there &c.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the Eleventh day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety Comes again as well the said George Scott by his attorney aforesaid as the said Thomas Beatty by his attorney aforesaid But our said Sheriff hath not sent his writ.

Nevertheless