A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration Bill and Indorsement were made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

And now here at this day to wit the second tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ come the aforesaid John Brown, Matthias Mares and William Wilson by their attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Frederick County to whom the writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Cepi Var left 18th Augt. 1789. P. Manly Shff.

And the said Edward Stevenson being called upon appears and at the prayer of the said John Brown Mathias Maris and William Wilson by their attorney aforesaid the said Edward Stevenson is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid, Whereupon the said Edward Stevenson by Richard Potts his attorney files in Court here the following bail piece to wit.

John Brown, Matthias Maris and William Wilson Plaintiffs
against Edward Stevenson, Defendant

You Thomas Samuel Poole and Cornelius Poulson of Frederick County do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Edward Stevenson at the suit of the said John Brown Matthias Maris and William Wilson in an action of Debt brought by the said John Brown Matthias Maris and William Wilson against the said Edward Stevenson in the General Court, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this seventh day of October one thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine.

Before Upton Sheredine
Chas. Warfield

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court.

I hereby authorise Richard Potts to appear for me in the above mentioned suit.

And the said Edward Stevenson by Richard Potts his

his attorney aforesaid 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 plaintiffs also.

At which said next Court to wit the eleventh day of May anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety come again the aforesaid John Brown Matthias Maris and William Wilson by their attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Edward Stevenson by his attorney aforesaid.

And the said Edward Stevenson by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury whenandsoforth and saith that the said John Brown Matthias Maris and William Wilson their action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c because he saith that he the said Edward Stevenson did pay unto the said John Brown Matthias Maris and William Wilson the said sum of money in the bill obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the bill obligatory aforesaid and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said John Brown Matthias Maris and William Wilson their action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c.

And the said John Brown Matthias and William Wilson say that they by anything by the said Edward Stevenson above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining their action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because they say that the said Edward Stevenson hath not paid unto the said John Brown Matthias Maris and William Wilson the aforesaid sum of money in the Bill obligatory aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said Edward Stevenson above by pleading hath alledged and of this they pray may be enquired of by the Country and the aforesaid Edward Stevenson in like manner andsoforth.

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