one thousand seven hundred and eighty six at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory with his seal sealed and to the Court now hereunto shewn the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound to the said Henry in the sum of five hundred and sixty seven pounds current money to be paid to the said Henry when he the said John should afterwards be thereto required: Nevertheless the said John altho' often required the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof to the said Henry hath not yet paid but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Henry twelve hundred pounds current money and thereof he brings suit &c.

W. Cooke for Plff pledges &c. } John Doe & Richard Roe

Oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid of the condition thereof & of the Endorsements thereon is as follows. "Know all men by these presents that we John Poole and James Norwood both of Montgomery county in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Henry Ridgely of Anne Arundel County in the State aforesaid in the full and just sum of five hundred and sixty seven pounds current money to be paid to the said Henry Ridgely his certain attorney executors admin.rs or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally in the whole and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty second day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound John Poole and James Norwood do & shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Henry Ridgely his certain attorney executors admin.rs or assigns the full and just sum of two hundred and eighty three pounds ten shillings current money at or upon y.e first day of September next ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest for the same then the above obligation to be void and of none effect or else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed sealed and Delivered in presence of } John his X mark Poole
Joseph Leake, Shach Shadrach Penn } James his I mark Norwood

Be it hereby remembered and observed that if the within bound John Poole and James Norwood their heirs execu.rs or adm.rs do punctually and annually pay unto the said Henry Ridgely his heirs and assigns the legal Interest on y.e within Bond then the principal thereof is not to be called for or demanded till the twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one. As witness my hand this twenty second day of May 1786. H. Ridgely

Witness Joseph Leake

copies of which said Declaration and oyer were made and sent to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid with the said writ thereon endorsed" to be served on the Defendant with the writ or left at his last place of abode twenty days at least before the return of the said writ for plea or Judgment the first Court

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the eleventh day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into our General Court here the said Henry Ridgely by William Cooke his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Montgomery county aforesaid to wit Benjamin W Jones Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit

"Cepi, Copy left 26.th February. Benj.n W. Jones Shff

And the said John Poole by Baker Johnson his attorney appears in Court here; and thereupon on motion of the said Henry Ridgely by his attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the said John Poole give special bail in the plea aforesaid. Whereupon the said John Poole by his 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

Henry Ridgely ——— against ——— John Poole ———

Upon George Mansfield and Tho.s Selby Jun.r do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said John Poole at the suit of the said Henry Ridgely in an action of debt brought by the said Henry Ridgely against the said John Poole in the General Court. they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 10.th day of March 1790 Edw.d Burgess. John Holmes

To the Honble the Judges of the Gen.l Court. B. Johnson Att.y for Deft.

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Henry Ridgely by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said John Poole answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Henry Ridgely in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof. and the said John Poole by his attorney aforesaid 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 aforesaid Henry Ridgely in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted the same day is given the aforesaid Henry Ridgely also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the twelfth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety to which said day the said John Poole had leave to imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid

Henry