five shillings and ten pence like money) and the said Alexander, Robert and John in fact say that the said Thomas did not when thereto required pay to the said Alexander, Robert and John the said one hundred and three pounds twelve shillings and eleven pence current money) which he ought to have paid them according to the form and effect of the said bill: whereby an action has accrued to the said Alexander, Robert and John to demand and have of the said Thomas the said Two hundred and seven Pounds five shillings and ten pence like current money. Nevertheless the said Thomas altho' often thereunto required, hath not yet paid the said sum of two hundred and seven Pounds five shillings and ten pence to the said Alexander, Robert and John but hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same to them to the damage of the said Alexander, Robert and John in the sum of Three hundred pounds current money) and thereof they bring suit and soforth. In.° Doe and

Philip Barton Key for Plffs. Pledges &c. Rd. Roe

(Oyer of the Bill obligatory)

I Thomas Nelson of Charles County and State of Maryland Planter do promise to pay or cause to be paid unto Alexander Henderson, Robert Fergusson and John Gibson their certain attorney) executors, administrators or assigns the full and just sum of one hundred and three Pounds twelve shillings and eleven pence current money) with legal interest till paid. To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators in the Penal sum of two hundred and seven Pounds five shillings and ten pence like money). In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this second day of June seventeen hundred and ninety one

Signed Sealed and delivered
In presence of Thomas Nelson (seal)
George Gordon

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 defendants, with the writ, or left at his 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 eighth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, and the day of the return of the foregoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said Henderson, Ferguson and Gibson by Philip Barton Key their attorney

aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, to wit, James Simms Gentleman, to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit.- Cepi Copy left 17.° April. bail piece and power to John Campbell Esq.° - James Simms Sheriff and the said Thomas Nelson by John Campbell his attorney, appears in Court here: and thereupon on motion of the said Henderson, Ferguson and Gibson by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Thomas Nelson give special bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Thomas Nelson 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,- Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson Plaintiffs against Thomas Nelson Defendant. You Horatio Middleton and Thomas Hopewell do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Thomas Nelson at the suit of the said Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson in an action of Debt brought by the said Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson against the said Thomas Nelson in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fourth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety two - Before Henry A. Chapman

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court. James Freeman

I do hereby authorise and empower John Campbell Esq.° to appear for me in the above suit. Thomas Nelson

And thereupon, on motion of the said Henderson, Ferguson and Gibson by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Thomas Nelson answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said Henderson, Ferguson and Gibson in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof: and the said Thomas Nelson by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury, when', and soforth, 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 Henderson, Ferguson and Gibson in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Henderson, Fergusson and Gibson also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, to which said day the said Thomas Nelson had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the Henderson, Fergusson and Gibson in the plea aforesaid, comes again into the General Court here, as well the said Henderson, Ferguson and Gibson by their attorney aforesaid, as the said Thomas Nelson by his attorney aforesaid, and the said Thomas Nelson by his attorney aforesaid, as