bounty in the words, following, to wit, The State of Maryland, ss. To the Sheriff of Ann Arundle bounty, Greeting. We command you that you take Robert Johnston, George Johnston, and John Johnston late of the bounty aforesaid which said Robert Johnston, George Johnston and John Johnston were devisees of Robert Johnston late of the City of Annapolis Innkeeper deceased of divers of his lands and Tenements if they shall be found in your bailiwick, and them safe keep, so that you have their bodies before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next, to answer unto Ann Yeldell Executrix of the Testament and last will of William Yeldell deceased of a plea that they render unto her the full and Just sum of two hundred Pounds current money which from her they unjustly detain and Soforth. Hereof fail not at your Peril, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the honourable Thomas Johnson Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court the 16th day of June Anno Domini 1791. Issued the 21st day of September 1791. (Dmem.) John Gwinn. Clk.

and the said Ann Yeldell Executrix as aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid, on the day of prosecuting and suing forth the said writ, declared in the Court here against the said Robert Johnston, George Johnston, and John Johnston devisees as aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid, as follows, to wit, —

Western Shore Ann Arundel County ss. Robert Johnston George Johnston and John Johnston late of the County aforesaid which said Robert Johnston, George Johnston and John Johnston were devisees of Robert Johnston late of the City of Annapolis Inkeeper, deceased of divers of his lands and Tenements were summoned to answer unto Ann Yeldell Executrix of the Testament & last will of William Yeldell deceased, of a plea that they render unto her the full and Just sum of two hundred Pounds current money which from her they unjustly detain and Soforth. And whereupon the said Ann Yeldell by David McMechen her attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid William Yeldell in his lifetime of whom the said Robert, George and John are devisees as aforesaid, on the eleventh day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy one at Ann arundel bounty aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid William Yeldell in his life time in the aforesaid sums of two hundred pound like money aforesaid to be paid to him the said William Yeldell when afterwards he

he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Robert Johnston in his lifetime and the said Robert, George and John the devisees aforesaid of the said Robert deceased of devisees of his lands and tesiements by his last will and testament made at Ann arundle bounty aforesaid after the twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ninety two whereof the said Robert at the time of his death had a power of disposing by his last will and testament, after the death of the said Robert (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred Pounds to him the said William Yeldell in his lifetime or to her the said Ann since the death of the said William have not rendered or paid, but the same to her to pay hitherto to render or pay have altogether refused, and still do refuse: wherefore she saith that she is the worse, and hath damage to the value of Three hundred Pounds like money aforesaid and therefore she brings suit and Soforth: and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Robert which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and Soforth —

D. McMechen for the plff. Pledges, and Soforth } John Doe and Rich. Roe

And the aforesaid Robert, George and John by attorney come and defend the force and injury, when, and Soforth, and pray an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the condition thereof, and they have them in the words following, to wit, — Maryland ss. Know all men by these presents that I Robert Johnson of the City of Annapolis Innholder am held and firmly bound unto William Yeldell of same place in the full and Just sum of two hundred Pounds current money to be paid to the said William Yeldell his certain attorney Executors, administrators or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this eleventh day of January seventeen hundred and seventy one. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Robert Johnson do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said William Yeldell his certain attorney Executors, administrators or assigns the just and full sum of one hundred Pounds current money in dollars in seven shillings and six pence each Pistoles at twenty seven shillings and six pence each or Guineas at thirty five shillings each at or upon