late of Ann Arundel County planters otherwise called Joseph Davis of Luke Thomas Dorsey of Henry and Vachel Burgess of Ann Arundel County if they should be found in his bailiwich and that them he should safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Annapolis on the third Monday of September then next to answer unto Thomas Cornelius Howard in a plea that they render unto him the sum of Two hundred pounds Current Money which they owe to him and unjustly detain and so forth. –

And the said Thomas Cornelius Howard by Henry Ridgely his Attorney declared against the said Joseph Davis of Luke, Thomas Dorsey of Henry and Vachel Burguss in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit. —

Ann Arundel County to wit, Joseph Davis of Luke, Thomas Dorsey of Henry and Vachel Burgess late of Ann Arundel County planters otherwise called Joseph Davis of Luke, Thomas Dorsey of Henry and Vachel Burgess of Ann Arundel County were summoned to answer unto Thomas Cornelius Howard in a plea that they render unto him the sum of Two hundred pounds Current Money which they owe to him and unjustly detain and so forth – And whereupon the said Thomas Cornelius Howard by Henry Ridgely his Attorney saith that whereas the said Joseph Davis Thomas Dorsey and Vachel Burgess on the thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty six at Ann Arundel aforesaid by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid Thomas Cornelius in the sum of Two hundred pounds Current Money to be paid to the said Thomas Cornelius when they should be thereunto requested Yet Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph Davis, Thomas Dorsey and Vachel Burgess although often times requested the said sum of two hundred pounds Current money to the aforesaid Thomas Cornelius have not as yet rendered but the same to the said Thomas Cornelius hitherto have refused and still do refuse to render or pay wherefore the said Thomas Cornelius saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current Money and therefore he brings Suit and so forth and the said Thomas Cornelius exhibits here in Court the writing obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof which witnesseth the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth. —

Henry Ridgely Attyf. for Pltff. pledges &c John Doe and Richard Roe

Oyer of the Bond.

Maryland ss. Know all Men by these presents that we Joseph Davis of Luke Thomas Dorsey of Henry and Vachel Burgess of Ann Arundel County are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Cornelius Howard in full and just sum of Two hundred pounds Current Money to be paid to the said Thomas Cornelius Howard his Executors Administrators and assigns To the which payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 13th. day of November 1786. Whereas the above bound Joseph Davis is about to sue out of Ann Arundel County Court the States Writ of Replevin to be directed to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County commanding him to replevy Fourteen Hogs marked with a poplar leaf in the right Ear sixteen Sheep marked in the like manner one Waggon, one black Horse, and one bay horse now in the possession of the said Thomas Cornelius Howard which are the proper Goods and Chattels of him the said Joseph Davis and which the said Thomas Cornelius hath taken and unjustly detains against Sureties and pledges as it is said Now the Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bound Joseph Davis do and shall well and truly prosecute the said writ of Replevin with effect and also redeliver the said Goods and chattels to the said Thomas Cornelius in case return thereof shall be adjudged by the Justices of Ann Arundel County Court and pay all Damages that may be occasioned by the detention of the said Goods and Chattels and in all things stand to and abide by the Judgment of the said Court touching the premisses then the above obligation to be void otherwise of force

Sealed and delivered in the presence of G Duvall

Joseph Davis of Luke (Ls)
Thomas Dorsey of Hy. (Ls)
Vachel Burgess (Ls)

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid. –

At which said third Monday in September, to wit, the 19th. day of the same month in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one being the day of the return of the return of the said Writ comes the said Thomas Cornelius Howard by Henry Ridgely his Attorney And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whom the aforegoing writ was directed comes and makes return thereof thus endorsed. –

Cepi Copy left the 2nd. September. Ja. Williams Sheriff.

And the said Joseph Davis of Luke, Thomas Dorsey of Hy and Vachel Burgess by Joshua Dorsey and Gabriel Duvall their Attorneys

(come)