mentioned), and which said record is in form following tovit

Ann Arundel bounty ſct At a bounty Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at the city of Annapolis in and for the bounty aforesaid on the third monday of September being the 17th day of the same month in the year 1792.

Were Present

The Worshipful
Joshua Seney Esquire chief Justice
Nicholas Carroll } Esqrs associate Justices
Samuel Ridout }

William Goldsmith Esqr Sheriff. Nich Harwood Clk

In the record and proceedings of the same court is the following tovit

PBK, Richard Beard Ex. of Henry May
vs
PB, Joseph Bowman Ex. of Joseph Bowman

Ann Arundel bounty ſct Command was given to the sheriff of Ann Arundel bounty that he should take Joseph Bowman late of Ann Arundel bounty Executor of the last will and Testament of Joseph Bowman of the said bounty gentleman deceased if he should be found in his bailiwick and that him he should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our bounty Court to be held at Annapolis on the first monday of November then next to answer unto Richard Beard Executor of the last will and Testament of Henry May of the said bounty deceased of a plea of Trespass upon the case and soforth. and the said Richard Beard Executor of Henry May by Philip Barton Key his attorney declared against the said Joseph Bowman Executor of Joseph Bowman in the plea aforesaid as follows tovit Ann Arundel bounty tovit, Joseph Bowman late of Ann Arundel bounty Executor of the last will and Testament of Joseph Bowman of the said bounty gentleman deceased was attached to answer unto Richard Beard Executor of the last will and Testament of Henry May of the said bounty deceased of a plea of Trespass upon the case and soforth. and whereupon the said Richard Beard by Philip B. Key his attorney complains that whereas the said Joseph Bowman in his life time tovit, on the twenty seventh day of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and Eighty four at Ann Arundel bounty aforesaid was indebted to him the said Henry May in the sum of twenty one pounds sixteen shillings and two pence halfpenny current money as well for work by the said Henry May before that time done and performed for the said Joseph Bowman at the special instance and request of him the said Joseph Bowman as for divers materials and necessary things used in and about the said work by him the said Henry May before that time found and provided at the like special instance and request of him the said Joseph Bowman the particulars whereof chargeable in account by an account thereof herewith into Court brought may appear and being so indebted he the said Joseph Bowman in consideration

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thereof afterwards tovit, on the day and year last written undertook and then and there faithfully promised the said Henry May that he would well and truly pay unto the said Henry May the said sum of twenty one pounds sixteen shillings and two pence halfpenny current money when he should thereunto be required. and whereas the said Joseph Bowman afterwards tovit, on the day and year aforesaid at the bounty aforesaid in consideration that the said Henry May had before that time done and performed other works for the said Joseph Bowman at his the said Joseph Bowmans special instance and request and had found and provided divers other materials and necessary things used in and about the said last mentioned work at the like special instance and request of him the said Joseph Bowman undertook and then and there faithfully promised the said Henry May that he the said Joseph Bowman would when he should be thereunto required well and truly pay unto him the said Henry May so much money as the said Henry May thereof reasonably deserved to have and the said Richard Beard now in fact says that the said Henry May did therefor reasonably deserve to have of him the Joseph Bowman other like twenty one pounds sixteen shillings two pence halfpenny current money. Nevertheless the said Joseph Bowman in his Lifetime the said sum of money did not pay although he was thereunto required tovit, on the day and year aforesaid at the bounty aforesaid nor hath the aforesaid Joseph Bowman Executor of the last will and Testament of Joseph Bowman deceased paid it either to the said Henry May in his life time or to the said Richard Beard Executor of the last will and testament of the said Henry May deceased since the decease of the said Henry May but intending in this behalf to deceive hath hitherto altogether refused to pay the same sums of money and still doth refuse whereby the said Richard Beard is the worse and hath Damage in the sum of fifty pounds current money of Maryland whereupon he brings suit and soforth.

Philip B Key for Plff Pledges Vlz John Doe and Richd Roe

(Here follows the account)

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

At which said first monday in November tovit, the first day of the same month in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety being the day of the return of the said writ comes the said Richard Beard Executor of Henry May by Philip Barton Key his attorney and the sheriff of Ann Arundel bounty to whom the aforegoing writ was directed comes and makes return thereof thus endorsed.

Cepi Copy left September 23. Ben Howard Sheriff

and the said Joseph Bowman Executor of Joseph Bowman by Thomas Buchanan his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and soforth and prays leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court, tovit, the third monday in april seventeen hundred

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