Planter was summoned to answer unto Philip Richard Fendall of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of two hundred and forty two pounds Current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Philip Richard Fendall by William Cooke his Attorney, saith, that whereas the aforesaid Nathaniel on the thirtieth day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, at Prince Georges County aforesaid, by his certain writing Obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid Philip Richard Fendall in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and forty two pounds Current money to be paid to him the said Philip Richard Fendall when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Nathaniel (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Current money to him the said Philip Richard Fendall hath not rendered or paid, but the same sum of Current money to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse; Wherefore the said Philip Richard Fendall saith he is the worse, and hath damage to the value of three hundred pounds Current money and therefore he brings suit, and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Nathaniel which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

W Cooke for the Plaintiff Pledges and so forth — John Doe
Richard Roe

And the aforesaid Nathaniel by his Attorney, comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid, and the Condition thereof, and he hath them in the words following to wit: Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents that We Philip Stewart and Nathaniel Washington of Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland Planters are held and firmly bound unto Philip Richard Fendall of Fairfax County in the State of Virginia in the full and just sum of two hundred and forty two pounds Current money of Maryland to be paid unto the said Philip Richard Fendall his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, 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 firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety. The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Philip Stewart do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Philip Richard Fendall his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the full and just sum of one hundred and twenty one pounds Current money of Maryland with legal Interest for the same, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Philip Stewart (Seal)
Nathaniel Washington (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
John Campbell



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

At which said second Tuesday in October to wit, the eighth day of the same Month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, comes into our General Court here the said Philip Richard Fendall by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County to whom the said Writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit

Cepi Copy left 28th June. — Wm D Beall. Sheriff.

And the said Sheriff although being called upon to bring into Court here the body of the said Nathaniel Washington according to his return of the Writ aforesaid brings him not in but makes default: whereupon it is adjudged by the Court here that the said Sheriff be amerced the debt aforesaid, and also all such Costs and Charges as have or may accrue in the Action aforesaid in case he has not the body of the said Nathaniel Washington in Court here on the second Tuesday in May next.

At which said second Tuesday in May, to wit, the thirteenth day of the same Month, anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety four comes again into our General Court here, the said Philip Richard Fendall by his Attorney aforesaid, And the said Sheriff being further called upon to bring into Court here the body of the said Nathaniel Washington, whom this day he ought to have here in compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid, and to save the Amercement aforesaid, brings him in: Whereupon it is adjudged by the Court here that the Amercement aforesaid be struck out. And the said Nathaniel Washington being called, appears, and at the prayer of the said Philip Richard Fendall by his Attorney aforesaid the said Nathaniel Washington is adjudged to give special bail to the Action aforesaid: Whereupon a certain William Syles of Prince Georges County, present in Court here in his proper person, and undertakes for the said Nathaniel Washington that in case the said Philip Richard Fendall shall recover Judgment against the said Nathaniel Washington in the plea aforesaid or that the said Nathaniel Washington shall be legally convict therein, that then the said Nathaniel Washington shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereon or render his body to the custody of the Sheriff of Prince Georges County in satisfaction thereof, or that he the said William Syles will do the same for him.

And the said Nathaniel Washington by William Hilly his Attorney, defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that the said Philip Richard Fendall his Action aforesaid thereof, to have or maintain, ought not because