eleven Shillings Sterling money to be paid to him the said Benjamin when afterwards they should be thereunto requered. And the aforesaid Benjamin in fact saith that the aforesaid four hundred and twenty one pounds eleven Shillings Sterling money at the aforesaid time of making the Writing Obligatory aforesaid always since hath been and now is of the value of Seven hundred and two pounds eleven Shillings and eight pence Current money of Maryland, to wit, at Frederick County aforesaid. Neverthelesse the aforesaid Robert, William, Joseph, and George (although often thereunto requered) the aforesaid Sum of four hundred and twenty one pounds eleven Shillings Sterling money or the value thereof to him the said Benjamin hath not rendered or paid, nor hath either of them rendered or paid the same, but the same to him to render or pay they have hitherto altogether refused, and stile do refuse, wherefore he saith he is the worse, and hath damage to the value of one thousand pounds Current money, and therefore he brings Suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seals of the aforesaid Robert, William, Joseph, and George which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth. B Johnson for the Plaintiff.

Pledges &c John Doe and Richard Roe

And the aforesaid Robert, William, Joseph, and George by their Attorney come and defend the force and injury when and so forth, and pray an hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof, and they had them as follows, to wit.

Know all Men by these Presents that We Robert Wood, William Bentley, Joseph Wood, and George Shank all of Frederick County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Benjamin Ogle Esqr of the City of Annapolis in the full and just Sum of four hundred and twenty one pounds eleven Shillings Sterling money to be paid unto the said Benjamin Ogle, his lawful Attorney, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators Joyntly and severally firmly by these Presents, sealed with our Seals & dated this fourteenth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty five: The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Robert Wood his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, or either of them do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto ye said Benjamin Ogle, his lawful Attorney, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns the full and just Sum of two hundred and ten pounds fifteen Shillings and six pence Sterling money at or before the fourteenth day of March next ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest for the same then the above Obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Thos. Reynolds, Benjamin Barnhart

Robt Wood (Seal)
William Bentley (Seal)
Joseph Wood (Seal)
George Shank (Seal)

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three and the day of the return of the foregoing Writ, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid Benjamin Ogle by Baker Johnson his Attorney aforesaid: And the Sheriff of Frederick County aforesaid, to wit, Tobias Butler, to whom the said foregoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit, "Capi Jos. Wood, & Geo Shank, Nar delr 20. Apl; Non Sunt Robt Wood & Wm Bentley. Co Nar left at their last places of abode 22d April.

Tobias Butler Sheriff

And the said Tobias Butler Sheriff of the County aforesaid, altho' being called upon to bring into Court the body of the said Joseph Wood according to his return of the Writ aforesaid, brings him not in. It is therefore ruled by the Court here that the said Tobias Butler Sheriff of the County aforesaid be amerced the debt aforesaid, and also all such Costs and Charges as have or may accrue in the premises aforesaid in case he hath not the body of him the said Joseph Wood before the Judges of our next General Court here the second Tuesday of October next, the same day is given to the aforesaid Benjamin Ogle also. And the said George Shank by Joshua Dorsey his Attorney appears in Court here: And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Benjamin Ogle by his Attorney aforesaid; It is ruled by the Court here that the said George Shank give Special Bail to the Action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said George Shank by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit.

Benjamin Ogle Plaintiff a Robert Wood, William Bentley, Joseph Wood, & George Shank Defendants. You Adam Smith & Abel Waters do Jointly & Severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for George Shank at the Suit of the said Benjamin Ogle in an Action of debt brought by the said Benjamin Ogle against the said Robert Wood, William Bentley, Joseph Wood, and George Shank in the General Court of the Western Shore, they acknowledge themselves content therewith before us this 11 day of May 1793.

W H Beall, Geo Murdock

To the Honourable the Judges of the General Court

Joshua Dorsey Esquire for Defendant.

And thereupon on Motion of the aforesaid Benjamin Ogle by his Attorney by his Attorney, it is ruled by the Court here that the said George Shank answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Benjamin Ogle in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof: And the said George Shank by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and Injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparl until the second Tuesday of October next and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Benjamin Ogle in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Benjamin Ogle also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same