which to him the said Thomas he the said Samuel owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Samuel Chase Esquire, chief Judge of our said Court, the 10th day of February Anno Domini 1795.

Issued the 26th day of March 1795. W.C. Jno. Gwinn Clk.

And the said Thomas Contee by his Attorney aforesaid, on the day of prosecuting and suing forth the said writ, declared in the Court here against the said Samuel Hepburn in the plea aforesaid, as follows to wit. State of Maryland Prince Georges County to wit. Samuel Hepburn late of Prince Georges County Gentleman was summoned to answer unto Thomas Contee of a plea plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and fifty one pounds one Shilling and six pence Current Money which to him the said Thomas he the said Samuel owes and from him unjustly detain and so forth. And whereupon the said Thomas by William Cooke his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Samuel on the twenty fourth day of September in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four at Prince Georges County aforesaid did by his certain Bill Obligatory promise to pay or cause to be paid unto the said Thomas Contee or his order on or before the twenty fourth day of January then next ensuing the said sum of two hundred and fifty one pounds one shilling and six pence Current money with legal Interest for the same it being for value of him received Nevertheless the aforesaid Samuel (altho' often thereunto that is to say on the said twenty fourth Day of January seventeen hundred and ninety five and often afterwards at the County aforesaid was by the said Thomas thereto required) hath not paid the said sum of Current Money or any part thereof unto him the said Thomas but hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to render or pay the same wherefore the said Thomas saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the Value of three hundred pounds Current Money & therefore he brings Suit &so forth & brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the Seal of him the said Samuel which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid & so forth.

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I promise to pay or cause to be paid unto Thomas Contee or his (order)

order on or before the twenty fourth day of January next, the sum of two hundred and fifty one pounds one shillings & six pence Current money with legal interest for the same it being for value of him rec.d as Witness my hand & seal this 24th September 1794

Test Jno. Smith Brookes. Saml. Hepburn (Seal)

Copies of which said declaration and oyer were made and sent to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, with the said writ, thereon endorsed, "to be served on the defendant, with the said writ, or left at his place of abode "twenty days at least before the return of the said writ, for plea or "Judgment the first Court,"

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said Thomas Contee by William Cook his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid to wit, William Jackson Gentleman, to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit. Cepi Copy left 10th April 1795 Wm. Jackson Shff.

And the said Samuel Hepburn appears in Court here in his proper person, and says that he cannot deny the Action aforesaid of the said Thomas Contee so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owes to the aforesaid Thomas Contee the aforesaid sum of two hundred and fifty one pounds one shilling and six pence Current Money, in such manner and form as the aforesaid Thomas Contee above against him hath complained, nor but that the aforesaid Thomas Contee hath sustained damage by reason of the detention of the debt aforesaid, to the aforesaid sum of fifty pounds Current money, in like manner and form as the aforesaid Thomas Contee within against him hath complained, besides his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended, &c. and hereupon the aforesaid Thomas Contee by his Attorney aforesaid, prays Judgment for his debt aforesaid, so as aforesaid confessed, together with his damages so as aforesaid acknowledged, as also for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended, to him to be adjudged, and so forth; therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Thomas Contee recover against the said Samuel Hepburn as well the said sum of two hundred and fifty one pounds one shilling and six pence current money, his debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid confessed, as the said sum of fifty pounds (current