plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of Five hundred and thirty nine pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence Current money which to him, the said Edward owes and unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honourable Samuel Chase Esquire, chief judge of our said Court, the 10th day of February Anno Domini 1795. Issued the 26th day of March 1795. Wm. Jno. Greenfield 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 Edward Boteler in the plea aforesaid as follows, to wit: Western Shore, State of Maryland Prince Georges County to wit: Edward Boteler late of Prince Georges County planter otherwise called Edward Boteler of Prince Georges County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Thomas Contee of a plea, that he render unto him the full and just sum of five hundred and thirty nine pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence Current money which to him the said Edward owes & unjustly detains and so forth.

And whereupon the said Thomas by William Cooke his Attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid Edward on the second day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four at Prince Georges County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid Thomas in the aforesaid sum of five hundred and thirty nine pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence Current money to be paid to him the said Thomas when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Edward (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Current money to him the said Thomas 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 Thomas saith he is the worse, and hath damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current Money aforesaid and therefore he brings suit, and so forth; and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Edward which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth. Wm. Cooke for the Plff. pleages and so forth. Jno. Doe and Rich. Roe

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The Oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the condition thereof follow in these words, to wit:— Know all Men by these presents that I Edward Boteler of Prince Georges County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Thomas Contee of said County & State in the just and full sum of five hundred & thirty nine pounds fifteen shill: & seven pence Current Money to be paid unto the said Thomas Contee his certain Attorney, Executors Administrators, or assigns, To the which payment, well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors and administrators (Jointly & Severally) in & for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with my seal, and dated this second day of May in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and ninety four; The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Edward Boteler do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Thomas Contee his certain Attorney Executors, Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of two hundred & sixty nine pounds seventeen shill: & nine pence half penny Current money with Legal Interest thereon then the above obligation to be void and of no Effect else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of } Edward Boteler (Seal)
George W Brooke

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 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 Cooke his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid, to wit, William J. Jackson Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit,

Cepi Copy left 13th April 1795 Wm. Jno. Jackson Sheriff

And the said Edward Boteler by Edward Nicholls his Attorney appears in Court here, 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 said Thomas Contee the said

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