We Command you that you take Francis Valdenier late of Montgomery County planter otherwise called Francis Valdenier of Montgomery County and State of Maryland if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer unto Thomas Johnson Beatty of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of four hundred and seventy pounds Current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. 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 12th day of November Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety three.

Issued the 5th day of April 1794. J. M. Gantt } Jno. Guinn Clk.

And the aforesaid Thomas Johnson Beatty by his Attorney aforesaid declared against the aforesaid Francis Valdenier in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit.

Montgomery County, State of Maryland, }ss. Francis Valdenier late of Montgomery County planter otherwise called Francis Valdenier of Montgomery County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Thomas Johnson Beatty of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of four hundred and seventy pounds Current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Thomas Johnson Beatty by John M. Gantt his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Francis on the twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety four at Montgomery County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Thomas Johnson Beatty by the name and discription of Thomas I. Beatty of Geo. Town in the County and State aforesaid in the aforesaid sum of four hundred and seventy pounds Current money to be paid to him the said Beatty when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid Francis at the often thereto required the aforesaid sum of money to him the said Thomas Johnson Beatty hath not rendered or paid, but the same hitherto to render or pay he the said Francis hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore the said Thomas Johnson Beatty says he is the worse and hath damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current money, and therefore he brings suit, and so forth, And he brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the Seal of the said Francis which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the

the day and year aforesaid.

John M. Gantt for Stiff. Pledges &c. John Doe, and Richard Roe.

Copy of Bond and Condition,

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Valdenier of Montgomery County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Thomas I. Beatty of Geo. Town in the County and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of four hundred and seventy pounds Currency for value received to be paid unto the said Thomas I. Beatty his certain Attorney, Executors or Administrators and assigns; to the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents, Sealed with my seal and dated this twenty first day of January 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 Francis Valdinier do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Thomas I. Beatty his certain Attorney Executors, Administrators or assigns the full and just sum of two hundred and thirty five pounds Currency for value recd. on or before the first day of February next with legal Interest for the same, then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Francis Valdenier (Seal)

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Philip I. Marshall, Robert Doyne.

Indorsed thus

For value recd. I assign over to Mr. Anthony Reintzell the within bond as Witness my hand this 21st day Jany 1794. Thos. I. Beatty.

Witness. Zephaniah King

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

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety four and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes here into our General Court the aforesaid Thomas Johnson Beatty by John Mackall Gantt his Attorney aforesaid, And the sheriff of Montgomery County, to whom the said aforegoing writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

N. Est, Copy left 23rd April, Solo. Holland Sheriff

Whereupon the aforesaid Thomas Johnson Beatty, by his attorney aforesaid, afterwards, to wit, on the eighth day of August in the year aforesaid again sued out of our General Court the writ of the State of Maryland