recorded is in the words following. Maryland. to wit.

At a Provincial Court begun and held at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County in and for the province aforesaid on the third (Tuesday) of May being the seventeenth day of the same month in the eighteenth year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. and in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight

(The Honourable | John Hepburn, George Stewart, John Leeds, John Beale Bordley & Danl. of St. Thos. Jenifer | Esquires Justices)

(William Stewart Esquire Sheriff: Reverdy Ghiselin Clerk

In the Record of proceedings of the same Court, among others is the following to wit.

(William Black against John Gordon) Maryland set. Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit, on the thirty first day of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty seven Command was given to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County, that he should take, John Gordon late of Prince Georges County Mariner otherwise Called John Gordon of Prince Georges County Mariner son of and Heir of George Gordon late of the same County deceased if he shall be found in your Bailiwick, and him should safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third (Tuesday of May then next, to answer unto (William Black of a plea that he render unto him the sum of Twelve hundred and seventy three pounds six shillings and two pence Sterling which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. thereof he was not to fail at his peril, and that he the said Sheriff should have then and there that writ &c. And the aforesaid (William Black by John Hall his Attorney declared against the aforesaid John Gordon in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit.— Prince Georges County to wit, John Gordon late of Prince Georges County Mariner otherwise Called John Gordon of Prince Georges County Mariner son and Heir of George Gordon late of the same County deceased was summoned to answer unto (William Black of a plea that he render unto him the sum of (Twelve hundred and seventy) three pounds six shillings and two pence Sterling which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth And whereupon the said (William Black by John Hall his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid John Gordon on the twenty eighth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and sixty seven at Prince Georges (County)

County aforesaid by his Certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said (William Black in the aforesaid sum of (Twelve hundred and seventy three pounds six shillings and two pence Sterling) to be paid to him the said (William Black when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid John Gordon (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Twelve hundred and seventy three pounds six shillings and two pence Sterling) to him the said (William Black hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse, wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of Six hundred and forty pounds Sterling 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 John Gordon which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth: I Hall for the Plaintiff. pledges and so forth John Doe and Richard Roe And the aforesaid John Gordon 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 hath them as follows to wit. Maryland ss. (Know all Men by these presents that I John Gordon of Prince Georges County Mariner Son and (Heir of George Gordon late of the same County deceased am held and firmly bound unto (William Black of London Merchant in the full and just sum of Twelve hundred and seventy three pounds six shillings and two pence Sterling) to be paid to the said (William Black his Certain Attorney his Heirs Executors Admrs or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors & Admrs firmly by these presents sealed with my seal & dated this twenty eighth day of October Seventeen hundred & sixty seven (The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound John Gordon do and shall well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the said (William Black his Certain Attorney his Heirs Executors Admrs or assigns the full and just sum of Six hundred and thirty six pounds thirteen shillings and one penny Sterling) with legal interest for the same then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue. A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and Oyer was made and sent with the writ, which issued in the plea aforesaid. At which mentioned third (Tuesday of May) being the seventeenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and sixty eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ Comes here into his Lordships provincial Court the aforesaid (William Black by John (Hall his Attorney) aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County to whom the said aforegoing was made and directed likewise Comes and makes return (thereof)