Francis J. Clements
against
Walter Bowie

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. Francis J. Clements by William Cooke his attorney sued out of the General Court the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County in manner and form following to wit.

The State of Maryland sct. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges County Greeting; we command you that you take Walter Bowie late of Prince Georges County Gentleman 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 Francis J Clements in a plea of trespass upon the Case and soforth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you there and then this writ, Witness the Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our Said Court the 30 day of October Anno Domini 1795.

Sued the 22nd day of March 1796. Test. John Gwinn Clk.

And the said Francis J Clements by his attorney aforesaid declared against the said Walter Bowie in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit.

Western Shore State of Maryland Prince Georges County to wit. Walter Bowie late of Prince Georges County Gentleman was attached to answer unto Francis J Clement in a plea of Trespass upon the Case and soforth. And Whereupon the said Francis by William Cooke his attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Walter after the first day of May in the year seventeen hundred and five to wit. on the tenth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five, at Prince Georges County aforesaid made his certain note in writing called a promissory note with his proper hand thereto subscribed bearing date the day and year last aforesaid, and the said note to him the said Francis then and there delivered by which said note the said Walter promised to pay unto him the said Francis J. Clements or his order the sum of ninety eight pounds nine shillings and four pence half penny specie with legal interest for the same for value of him received by reason whereof and also,

also by force of the Statute in such Case lately made and provided the aforesaid Walter became liable for and Chargable to pay unto him the said Francis the aforesaid sum of ninety eight pounds nine shillings and four pence half penny Current money on demand and being so therunto chargable the aforesaid Walter afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon himself assumed and to the said Francis then and there faithfully promised that he the said Walter the aforesaid sum of Current money with legal interest thereon when afterwards he should be therunto required to him the said Francis would well and truly content and pay. Nevertheless the aforesaid Walter his promise and assumption aforesaid so as aforesaid made not regarding but minding and fraudulently intending him the said Francis in this behalf craftily & subtilly to deceive and defraud the aforesaid sum of Current money and the Interest thereon or any part thereof to him the said Francis hath not contented or paid (altho so to do the aforesaid Walter was afterwards to wit, on the day and year last aforesaid and often afterwards at the County aforesaid by the said Francis requested but the same or any part thereof to him the said Francis to content or pay he the said Walter hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Walter in the sum of two hundred pounds Current money and therefore he brings suit and soforth.

Cooke ⅌ Pltff. Pledges &c soforth. John Doe & Rich.d Roe.

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

At which said second tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes here into the General Court, the said Francis J Clements by William Cooke his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County to wit. Joseph Boone to whom the said writ, was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. Cepi Copy left 7th April. Jo. Boone Shff.

And the said Walter Bowie by William Hitty his attorney appears in Court here and thereupon at the prayer of the said Francis J Clements by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Walter Bowie answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said Francis J Clements in the plea aforesaid. And unless the said Walter Bowie answer to,