Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 30th day of October Anno Domini 1795.

Issued the 30th day of March 1796. J. M. G. John Gwinn Clk.

And the said Francis Shenard by his attorney aforesaid declared against the said Fielder Bell in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following to wit

Western Shore, State of Maryland Prince Georges County ss. Fielder Bell late of Prince Georges County Planter otherwise called Fielder Bell of Prince Georges County was summoned to answer unto Francis Shenard of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of six hundred pounds Current money which to him he owes & unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Francis by John M Gantt his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Fielder on the first day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid Francis Shenard in the aforesaid sum of six hundred pounds Current money to be paid to him the said Francis when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Fielder (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of six hundred pounds Current money to him the said Francis hath not rendered or paid but the same sum of Current money to him the said Francis hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse, wherefore the said Francis saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of six hundred pounds Current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth. and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Fielder which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth. John Doe

J. M. Gantt for the plaintiff pledges and so forth. Rich. Roe

The ayer of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the Condition thereof follow in these words to wit.

Know all Men by these presents that we, William John Jackson and Fielder Bell of Prince Georges County am held and firmly bound unto Francis Shenard of the

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Town of Bladensburgh in the full and just sum of six hundred pounds Current money to be paid to the said Francis Shenard or to his certain attorney executors administrators or assigns. To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals, dated the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden William John Jackson and Fielder Bell their heirs executors administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Francis Shenard or his certain attorney, executors administrators or assigns the full and just sum of three hundred pounds Current money on or before the twenty fifth day of December 1795 without any fraud or delay, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and Virtue in Law. Sealed and delivered in the presence of Tobias Bell James Manning } William John Jackson (Seal) Fielding Bell (Seal)

A Copy of the aforegoing Declaration and Oyer 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 Shenard by John Mackall Gantt his attorney aforesaid And the Sheriff of Prince Georges County to wit, Joseph Brooke to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

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And the said Fielding Bell by Edward Nicholls his attorney appears in Court here, and thereupon at the prayer of the said Francis Shenard by his attorney aforesaid the said Fielding Bell is adjudged to give special Bail to the action aforesaid. Whereupon Tobias Bell of Prince Georges County present in Court here in his proper person undertakes for the said Fielding Bell that in Case the said Francis Shenard shall recover Judgment against the said Fielding

(Bell,)