Court the twelfth day of December anno domini 1796.
Issued the 15th day of March 1797.
P. B. K. Jno. Gwinn Clk.

And the said Philip B Key, by his attorney aforesaid on the day of prosecuting and suing forth the said writ, declared in the said court against the said Humphrey Belt in the plea aforesaid, as follows to wit.

Western shore, State of Maryland. General Court. Prince Georges County, to. Humphrey Belt late of Prince Georges County, Planter otherwise called Humphrey Bélt of Prince Georges county, was summoned to answer unto Philip Barton Key of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of two thousand pounds Current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and soforth.

And whereupon the said Philip Barton Key in proper person saith that whereas the aforesaid Humphrey Bell on the thirteenth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid Philip Barton Key in the said sum of two hundred pounds Current money to be paid to him the said Philip B. Key when afterwards he should be thereunto required.

Nevertheless the aforesaid Humphrey Belt (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred pounds Current money to him the said Philip B. Key, hath not rendered or paid, but the same or any part thereof 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 two hundred pounds Current money and therefore he brings suit and soforth and brings hereinto court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Humphrey, which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day, and year aforesaid, and soforth.

Philip B. Key for the Plff. } John Doe, and
Pledges and soforth. } Richard Roe.

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

Maryland ss.

Know all men by these presents that I Humphrey Belt of Prince Georges County, am held and firmly bound unto Philip Barton Key his certain Attorney, executors, administrators or Assigns: To the which

which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these Presents. Sealed with my seal and dated this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Humphrey Belt his heirs executors administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Philip Barton Key his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of one hundred and four pounds six shillings and four pence Current money on demand with legal Interest from the date, then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full Force and virtue in Law.

Signed sealed & delivered
in the presence of Humphrey Belt (seal)

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 ninth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the general Court here the said Philip B Key in his proper person aforesaid and the sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid, to wit, Joseph Boone Gentleman to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit.

Copi copy left 11th April Joseph Boone Shff.

And the said Humphrey Belt being called upon appears in Court here by Edw and Nichols and William Kilty his attornies and says that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said Philip B. Key so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owes to the said Philip B. Key the said sum of two hundred pounds current money in manner and form aforesaid as the said Philip B. Key above against him hath declared:

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Philip B Key recover against the said Humphrey Belt as well the sum of two hundred pounds current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed, as also the quantity of six hundred and twenty nine pounds of tobacco by the court here unto him the said Philip B. Key on his assent adjudged for his damage which