aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory sealed his seal (and to the Court now here shewn whose date is the day and year aforesaid) acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound to the said Richard in the just and full sum of thirty five hundred and one pounds Seventeen shillings Sterling money to be paid to the said Richard whenever afterwards he the said Benjamin should be thereunto required And the said Richard avers that the said sum of Sterling money at the time of the execution of the said writing obligatory was always hitherto hath been and now is of the value of

Nevertheless the said Benjamin although often requested hath not yet paid the said sum of money or the value thereof to the said Richard but hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same to him to the damage of the said Richard five thousand pounds current money and thereof he brings suit &c. J Winchester for Pltff.

And the said Benjamin by his said attorney prayeth an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof and he hath them as follows Vizt.

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Reeder of Montgomery county, Francis Hamersley of Saint Marys county and William Compton of Charles county all of the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Richard Barnes of Saint Mary's county and State aforesaid in the just and full sum of thirty five hundred and one pounds Seventeen shillings Sterling money to be paid unto the said Richard Barnes his certain Attorney his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns for the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each and Each of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this seventh day of April one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Seven.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if above bound Benjamin Reeder Francis Hamersley and William Compton or either of them or either of their heirs Executors or Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the aforesaid Richard Barnes his heirs Executors administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of seventeen hundred and fifty pounds eighteen Shillings and six pence Sterling money in the following payments that is to say Six hundred pounds Sterling on or before the first day of January seventeen hundred and Eighty Eight, five hundred pounds Sterling on or before the first day of January Seventeen hundred and Eighty nine five hundred pounds Sterling on or before the first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety and one three hundred and fifty pounds Eighteen shillings and six pence Sterling on or before the first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety one with legal

legal Interest thereon then the above obligation else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of Thom Reeder Wm Vincent — Ben Reeder (Seal), Francis Hamersley (Seal), Wm Compton (Seal)

And the said Benjamin Reeder by his said attorney produces to the Court now here the State of Marylands writ of Habeas Corpus closed in the words and figures following Vizt.

The State of Maryland &c. To the Justices and sheriff of Baltimore county greeting. Whereas a certain Benjamin Reeder late of Baltimore county is detained in the prison of our said county under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Richard Barnes of a plea of debt and so forth which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices and undetermined and we being willing for divers Causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our general Court. Therefore we Command you that you have the Body of the said Benjamin Reeder by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the cause of his Caption and detention and all things thereunto relating, before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of May next that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you there this writ Witness the honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the thirteenth day of October Anno Domini 1793. (J Johnston)

Issued the 22d. day of March Anno domini 1796. Jno. Gwinn Clk.

Whereupon the proceedings aforesaid are ordered to be and transmitted accordingly.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and Seal of my office this twenty eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety six.

(Seal)

William Gilson Clk. B Coty.

And now come into the General Court here as well the said Richard Barnes by James Winchester and Walter Dorsey his attornies as the said Benjamin Reeder by Samuel Johnston and Luther Martin his attornies and thereupon on motion of the said Richard Barnes by his attornies aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said Benjamin Reeder answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said Richard Barnes in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default thereof And the said Benjamin Reeder