and truly to be made, We, jointly and severally bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators or assigns firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals Dated the Eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, 1797.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Henry Knowles and Jacob Mountz their Heirs Executors, Administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the above named William Taylor his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns the just sum of Five hundred sixty five pounds eight shillings and one penny Current Money of Maryland with legal Interest from the first day of January instant until paid without any fraud or further delay then the above obligation to be void or else to be & remain in full force and virtue

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Wm. Young Lewis } Henry Knowles (LS) Jacob Mountz (LS)

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, at the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid William Taylor by James Winchester his Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid, to wit, Benjamin Ray Junior to whom the said aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit,

Cepi Copy left 6th April Benj. Ray Junior Shff.

And the said Henry Knowles by Arthur Shaaff his Attorney, appears in Court here; And thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid William Taylor by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Henry Knowles give special Bail to the action aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said Henry Knowles by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court, here the following Bail piece, to wit,

William Taylor Plaintiff
against
Henry Knowles Defendant

You John Mountz Junior and Elijah Walker do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves (special)

special bail for the said Henry Knowles at the suit of the said William Taylor in an action of Debt brought by the said William Taylor against the said Henry Knowles in the General Court; They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this second day of May 1797 before Danl. Reintzel, Henry Brookes.

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.

I do hereby authorise & empower Arthur Shaaff Esquire to appear for me in the above suit. Henry Knowles.

And thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid William Taylor by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here; that the said Henry Knowles answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid William Taylor in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof. And the said Henry Knowles by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth; and prays leave of the Court here, to Imparle until the second Tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid William Taylor in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid William Taylor also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, to which said day the said Henry Knowles had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid William Taylor in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid William Taylor by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Henry Knowles by his Attorney aforesaid; And the said Henry Knowles by his Attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the Writing obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath it as follows, to wit, Know all Men by these presents that We Henry Knowles and Jacob Mountz of George Town Montgomery County State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto William Taylor of Baltimore Town and County in the State of Maryland in the sum of Eleven hundred thirty pounds sixteen shillings and two pence Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said William Taylor his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns To which payment well and truly to be made, We jointly and severally bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators or assigns firmly by these presents, Sealed with (our)