deceive and defraud the said John and Joseph in this behalf hath not paid to the said John and Joseph the several sums of Money aforesaid, or any part thereof, although afterwards to wit, on the day and year last above mentioned, and often afterwards, at the County aforesaid, they were thereunto required by the said John and Joseph, but have hitherto intirely refused, and still do refuse, to pay the same to the damage of the said John and Joseph Nine hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland and thereupon they bring suit &c.

John T. Mason pro Pltffs. John Doe, & Richard Roe, plts, &c.

And a Duplicate of the aforegoing Writ, with Copies of the declaration aforesaid in the plea aforesaid were also made directed and sent to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of October being the Eleventh 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 into the General Court here, the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan by John Thomson Mason their Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid, to wit. Benjamin Ray Junior, Gentleman, 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 Ben. Ray Junr. Shff, Copy left 10th Septr.

And the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid, to wit Joseph Boone Gentleman, to whom a duplicate of the said aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid also directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit.

"Cepi Both, Copys left 20th Augt. Jo. Boone Shff.

And the aforesaid Benjamin Ray Junior Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid altho' being called upon to bring into Court the body of the said Richard George Hardisty according to his return of the Writ aforesaid, brings him not in; It is therefore ruled by the Court here, that the said Benjamin Ray Junior Sheriff of the County aforesaid be amerced the Damages aforesaid: and all such Costs and charges as have or may accrue in the premises aforesaid, in case he hath not the body of him the said Richard George Hardisty before the

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Judges of the General Court here, on the second Tuesday of May next, the same day is given to the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan also. And the said Joseph Boone Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid altho' being called upon to bring into Court here the body of the said Baker Johnson according to his return of the duplicate of the Writ aforesaid, brings him not in. Thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan by their Attorney aforesaid, It is likewise ruled by the Court here, that the said Joseph Boone Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesaid be amerced the Damages aforesaid; and also all such Costs and charges as have or may accrue in the premises aforesaid, in case he hath not the body of him the said Baker Johnson before the Judges of the General Court here, on the said second Tuesday of May next, the same day is given to the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan also.

At which said 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, come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said Benjamin Ray Junior Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid; And the said Benjamin Ray Junior Sheriff as aforesaid being again solemnly called upon to bring into Court here the body of him the said Richard George Hardisty whom this day he ought to have here in compliance with the rule aforesaid, and to save the amercement aforesaid him the said Richard George Hardisty brings in; Thereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the amercement aforesaid be struck out; And the said Richard George Hardisty by James Cook his Attorney appears in Court here, And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan by their Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Richard George Hardisty give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said Richard George Hardisty by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit

John Swan and Joseph Swan, Plaintiffs against Baker Johnson and Richard George Hardisty Defendants	You William Cary and John Cunningham do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Richard George Hardisty at the suit of the said John Swan and Joseph

(Swan)