Swan in and action on the case brought by the said John Swan and Joseph Swan against the said Baker Johnson and Richard George Hardisty in the General Court, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this twenty fourth day of May 1797. before

Thos Corcoran,
Danl Reintzel.

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court.
I do hereby authorise and empower James Cook Esquire to appear for me in the above suit. R. G. Hardisty

And the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan by their Attorney aforesaid again come into the General Court here, as likewise comes into our said Court the said Joseph Boone Sheriff of Prince George's County aforesaid, And the said Joseph Boone Sheriff as aforesaid being again solemnly called upon to bring into Court here the body of him the said Baker Johnson whom this day he ought to have here in compliance with the rule aforesaid, and to save the amercement aforesaid, him the said Baker Johnson brings in, Thereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the Amercement aforesaid be struck out. And the said Baker Johnson 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 Baker Johnson also give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said Baker Johnson by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit.

John & Joseph Swan vs Baker Johnson & Richard G. Hardisty	You Robert Johnson and John Johnson do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Baker Johnson at

the suit of the said John and Joseph Swan in an Action on the Case brought by the said John and Joseph Swan against the said Baker Johnson in the General Court They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this seventh day of November 1796. Before Danl Carroll of Dudl

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To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.
James Cook Esq. is desired and empowered to appear for the

(Defendant)

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 Baker Johnson and Richard George Hardisty answer to the declaration aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against them in default thereof; And the said Baker Johnson and Richard George Hardisty by their attorney aforesaid defend the force and injury when and so forth; and pray 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 John Swan and Joseph Swan in the plea aforesaid, and to them it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan 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 Baker Johnson and Richard George Hardisty had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said Baker Johnson and Richard George Hardisty by their Attorney aforesaid; And the said Baker Johnson and Richard George Hardisty by their attorney, aforesaid, as before defend the force and injury when and so forth, and say that they did not assume upon themselves in manner and form as the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan above against them have complained and of this they put themselves upon the Country and so forth and the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan in like manner and so forth. Therefore let a Jury thereon appear before the Court here, on the second Tuesday of May next, by whom and so forth, and whomsoever and so forth, to recognize and so forth, because as well and so forth, the same day is given to the said parties then and there and so forth.

And now, at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the eighth day of the same month in the of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, come again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid John Swan and Joseph Swan by John Thomson Mason their Attorney aforesaid, as the said Baker Johnson and Richard

(George)