John Simmons of Anne Arundel County planter, if he shall be found in your bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next, to answer unto Hannah West of a plea that render unto her the just and full sum of Three hundred and eighty two pounds eight shillings and eight pence current Money which to her he owes and from her unjustly detains and so forth: Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 25th day of June Anno domini 1796.
Issued the 7th day of July 1796. (A V.) Jno Gwinn Cd

And the said Hannah West by her Attorney aforesaid on the day of the date of the aforegoing Writ, filed in Court here the following Declaration and Bond; a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said writ, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid; to wit.

Western Shore, State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County to wit; John Simmons late of Anne Arundel County platter, otherwise called John Simmons of Anne Arundel County planter, was summoned to answer unto Hannah West of a plea that he render unto here the just and full sum of Three hundred and eighty two pounds eight shillings and eight pence current Money which to her he owes and from her unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Hannah by Archibald Van Horn her Attorney saith that whereas the said John on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four at Anne Arundel County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto her the said Hannah by the name and discription of Hannah West Executrix of Mr. Stephen West of Prince Georges County in the aforesaid sum of Three hundred and eighty two pounds eight shillings and eight pence current Money to be paid to the said Hannah when afterwards he should be thereunto required; Nevertheless the aforesaid John (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Three hundred and eighty two pounds eight shillings and eight pence current Money to her (the)

the said Hannah hath not rendered or paid but the same to her to render or pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse. Wherefore she saith she is the worse and hath damage to the value of six hundred pounds current Money and therefore she brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, Sealed with the seal of the aforesaid John, which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Archd. Van Horn for Pltff. Pledges Ye. John Doe, & Richard Roe

Oyer of the Bond and Condition thereof.

Know all Men by these presents, that I John Simmons of Anne Arundel County planter, am held and firmly bound unto Mrs. Hannah West Executrix of Mr. Stephen West of Prince Georges County in the full and just sum of Three hundred and eighty two pounds eight shillings and eight pence current Money of Maryland to be paid unto the said Hannah West her certain Attorney Executors, Administrators or assigns: To the which payment well and truely to be made and done, I bind myself my Heirs, Executors and administrators firmly by these presents, Sealed with my seal and dated this First day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four: The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound John Simmons do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Hannah West her certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or assigns the full and just sum of One hundred and ninety one pounds four shillings and four pence current Money of Maryland on or before the day of with legal interest thereon; then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and vertue in law.

John Simmons (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
Thomas Tillard
Matilda Tillard

At the foot and on the back of the aforegoing Bond was thus written: to wit.

N.B. The net proceeds of Two Hhds ship'd p the Adventure Capt. Maynard, to be deduced out of the above Bond.
T. Tillard.

Baltimore due on this Bond, after deducting the ballance of Mr. Simmons's claim to Two Hhds. Tob.o Shipt to West & (Hobson)