May Term 1798.

And the aforesaid Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore by their Attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid Writ filed in Court here, the following Declaration and Oyer of 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, Ann Arundel County ss. Richard Chew late of Anne Arundel County planter, otherwise called Richard Chew of Ann Arundel County was summoned to answer unto Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore of a plea, that he render unto them the full and just sum of Four hundred and thirty two pounds sixteen shillings and four pence Current Money which to them, he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the said Joseph and Robert by Philip B. Key their Attorney, say that whereas the aforesaid Richard Chew on the twelfth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety six at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto them the aforesaid Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore in the aforesaid sum of Four hundred and thirty two pounds sixteen shillings and four pence Current Money to be paid to them the said Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore when afterwards he should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard Chew (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Four hundred and thirty two pounds sixteen shillings and four pence Current Money to them the said Joseph and Robert hath not rendered or paid, but the same sum of Money to them hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse; wherefore the said Joseph and Robert say they are the worse; and have damage to the value of One thousand pounds Current Money and therefore they bring suit, and so forth; and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Richard Chew which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth.

P. B. Key for the Plaintiffs. Pledges and so forth. John Doe, and Rich. Roe.

The Oyer of the Writing obligatory aforesaid, and the Condition thereof, follow in these words, to wit, Know all men by these presents that I Richard Chew of Ann Arundel County am held and and firmly bound unto Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore of Calvert County Merchants in the full and just sum of Four

(hundred)

hundred and thirty two pounds sixteen shillings and four pence specie to be paid unto the said Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns, To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents, Sealed with my Seal and Dated this twelfth day of Febry seventeen hundred and Ninety six,

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Richard Chew do and shall well and truly pay unto the said Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore their certain Attorney Executors and Administrators or assigns the full and just sum of Two hundred and sixteen pounds eight shillings and two pence Specie with Legal Interest thereon, then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of } Richd. Chew (Seal)
Sampson Crane - - - - - }

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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, come into the General Court here, the aforesaid Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore by Philip Barton Key their Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid, to wit, Richard Harwood 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 Copy left April 1st 1797. Richard Harwood Sheriff.

And the said Richard Chew by William Kelly his Attorney appears in Court here; And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore by their Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Richard Chew give special Bail to the Action aforesaid; Whereupon a certain Samuel Chew of Ann Arundel County Gentleman, present here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Richard Chew that in case the aforesaid Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore shall recover Judgment against the said Richard Chew in the plea aforesaid, or that the said Richard Chew shall be therein legally convict that then the said Richard Chew shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereupon or render his body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County in satisfaction thereof, or that he the said Samuel Chew will do the same for him. And thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid Joseph Wilkinson and Robert Moore by their Attorney aforesaid,

(&c.)