pence Current Money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ, Witness the honourable Robert Goldsborough Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, the twelfth day of December Anno Domini 1796. Jn. Gwinn Cl.

Issued the 21st day of December 1796 (R. Ridgely)

And the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase by his 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 of Maryland, Charles County sc. George Dent late of Charles County planter otherwise called George Dent of Durham Parish, in the County aforesaid and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Jeremiah Townley Chase of a plea, that he render unto him the full and just sum of Five hundred and ninety five pounds twelve shillings and four pence Current Money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth: And whereupon the said Jeremiah Townley Chase by Richard Ridgely his Attorney saith, that whereas the aforesaid George Dent on the seventeenth day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five at Charles County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledge himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid Jeremiah the aforesaid sum of Current Money to be paid to him the said Jeremiah when afterwards he should be thereunto required; Nevertheless the aforesaid George (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Five hundred and ninety five pounds twelve shillings and four pence Current Money to him the said Jeremiah hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse; wherefore he saith he is the worse, and hath damage to the value of Five hundred pounds Current Money and therefore he brings suit and so forth; and brings here into Court, the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid George which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. Rd. Ridgely for the Pltff. Pledges and so forth, Jn. Doe, Rich. Roe

The Oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the Condition (thereof)

thereof, follow in these words, to wit. Charles County sc, Know all Men by these presents that we George Dent and John Thomas of Durham Parish in the County aforesaid and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Jeremiah Townley Chase of the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County in the full and just sum of Five hundred and ninety five pounds twelve shillings and four pence Current Money to be paid to the said Jeremiah Townley Chase his Executors Administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 17th day of August Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety five

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound George Dent and John Thomas do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Jeremiah Townley Chase his Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of Two hundred and ninety seven pounds sixteen shillings and two pence Current Money at or upon the first day of January next, with legal Interest for the same, then the above obligation to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force power and virtue in Law.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Jn. Gwinn, John Robertson } Geo. Dent (seal) Jns. Thomas (seal)

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, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase by Richard Ridgely his Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, to wit, Joseph Green, 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 the 8th of March Bail piece & power to J Campbell

Joseph Green Sheriff

And the said George Dent by John Campbell his Attorney appears in Court here, And thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said George Dent give special Bail to the Action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said George Dent by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here, the following Bail piece, to wit.

Jeremiah T. Chase against George Dent. Dt. £595. 12. 4 Money

You John Maddox (pickaw.) and William Dent do jointly and severally (acknowledge)