acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said George Dent at the suit of the said Jeremiah T. Chase in an Action of Debt brought by the said Jeremiah T. Chase against the said George Dent in the General Court, They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 22d day of March 1797.

Before Wm. H. McPherson
James Freeman

To the Hon.ble the Judges of the General Court
I hereby authorise you to appear for me in the above suit,
To John Campbell Esq.r Yrs. Geo Dent

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 answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said George Dent by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth; and prays 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 Jeremiah Townley Chase in the plea aforesaid; and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase 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 George Dent had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said George Dent by his Attorney aforesaid:

And the said George Dent by his Attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c. because he saith that he the said George Dent did pay unto the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase the said sum of Money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said Writing obligatory and this he is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid Jeremiah

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Townley Chase, his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth.

And the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase by his Attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said George Dent above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the said George Dent did not pay unto him the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase the aforesaid sum of Money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said George Dent above by pleading hath alledged, and of this he prays may be enquired of by the Country, and the said George Dent 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 who neither 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 year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, come again into the General Court here; as well the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said George Dent by his Attorney aforesaid; And the said George Dent by his Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment aforesaid, above by him pretended says that he cannot deny the Action aforesaid of the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owes to the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase, the aforesaid sum of Five hundred and ninety five pounds, twelve shillings and four pence Current Money in manner and form aforesaid so as the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase above against him hath declared.

Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase recover against the said George Dent as well the sum of Five hundred and ninety five pounds twelve shillings and four pence Current Money his Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as the quantity of Seven hundred and Eighty nine pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto the aforesaid Jeremiah Townley Chase on his absent adjudged as well for his Damages sustained by reason of the detention of that Debt; as for his costs and charges by him about his suit, in this behalf laid out and expended, And the said George Dent in Mercy and so forth.

Memorandum: Judgment rendered in this Cause, on the sixteenth

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