to answer unto Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson in a plea that he render unto them the full sum of Two hundred and sixty one pounds and three pence Current Money of Maryland, which to them 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 twenty fifth day of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

Issued the 22nd day of September 1796 (P. B. Key) J. McGrevin Cl.

And the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson by their Attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid Writ filed in Court here, the following short Note and Oyer of Bond, a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said Writ, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit.

General Court Western Shore of Maryland

Alexander Henderson Robert Ferguson and John Gibson against George Dent of Wm.

The Plaintiffs claim arises upon a writing obligatory bearing date the twentieth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety six executed by the Defendant to the Plaintiffs for the sum of Two hundred and sixty one pounds and three pence Current Money of Maryland. Conditioned for the payment of the sum of One hundred and thirty pounds ten shillings and one penny half penny Current Money with legal Interest from the date of the said Writing obligatory, which the said Defendant hath hitherto refused and still doth refuse to render or pay to the said Plaintiffs to their Damage of Five hundred pounds Current Money; and therefore they bring their suit and so forth.

P. B. Key Plffs Attorney September 22nd 1796

The Writing obligatory whereof mention is above made is as follows, to wit

Know all Men by these presents, that I George Dent Son of William of Charles County in the State of Maryland at present in the Commonwealth of Virginia am held and firmly bound unto Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson in the full Sum of Two hundred and sixty one pounds and three pence Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns. To the which payment well

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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 twentieth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound George Dent his Heirs Executors or Administrators do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of One hundred and thirty pounds ten shillings and one penny half penny Current Money aforesaid with the legal Interest of Maryland thereon then this obligation to be void else to remain and be in full force and vertue in Law

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of. Will, Vincent. Geo. Dent (Seal)

And a Duplicate of the said aforegoing Writ, with Copies of the aforesaid Short Note, and Oyer of Bond, were likewise made, directed and sent to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County

At which mentioned second Tuesday of October the Eleventh day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, come into the General Court here, the aforesaid Alexander Henderson Robert Ferguson and John Gibson by Philip Barton Key their 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.

"Non Est, Short Notes set up at the Court House 26th Sept. & left at his last place of above, 27th September Joseph Green Shff."

And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid, to wit Richard Harwood, Gentleman, to whom a Duplicate of the said aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid also made and directed; likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit.

"Non Est, Short Note set up at the State House door Rich. Harwood Shff."

Whereupon the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson by their Attorney aforesaid pray that for as much as they have complied with the law in order for an Attachment, they my have Judgment against the said George Dent for their Debt by occasion of the premises aforesaid by way of Attachment to issue against the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits; Lands or tenements of him the said George Dent for as well the sum of Two hundred and sixty one pounds and three pence Current Money of Maryland the Debt aforesaid, as for what Costs and Charges have already and

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