Charles County in the State of Maryland at present in the common-
wealth 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 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 virtue in Law

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence } Geo. Dent (seal)
of Will Vincent. - - - - - - }

On the back of the aforegoing Writing was thus written, to wit.
State of Maryland, Charles County set. 26th. September 1796,
Came before me one of the Justices for Charles County aforesaid
Robert Ferguson Agent for Henderson Ferguson and Gibson
in Maryland, and Made Oath on the holy Evangells of Almighty
God that to his knowledge neither Henderson Ferguson and
Gibson or any other person for their use have received any
part or parcell of the within Bond and that the whole principal
and Interest is justly due and and owing, James Freeman

And thereupon on the Motion of the aforesaid Alexander
Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson by their
Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the
said George Dent answer to the declaration aforesaid of the
aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John
Gibson 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)

until the second Tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the
declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson
and John Gibson in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the
same day is given to the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert
Ferguson and John Gibson 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 Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John
Gibson in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court
here as well the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson
and John Gibson by their 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 Alexander
Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson their 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
Alexander Henderson Robert Ferguson and John Gibson 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 Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and John Gibson
their Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c

And the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert Ferguson and
John Gibson by their Attorney aforesaid say, that they by any
thing by the said George Dent above in pleading alledged from
having or maintaining their Action aforesaid against him ought
not to be precluded because they say that the said George Dent did
not pay unto them the aforesaid Alexander Henderson, Robert
Ferguson and John Gibson 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 they pray 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)