May Term 1798.

And the said John Ridout by his Attorney aforesaid on the day of the day and issuing of the aforegoing writ, filed in Court here a Declaration, and the specially thereto annexed; a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said writ, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid in form following to wit.

Western Shore, State of Maryland to wit David Ross late of Prince Georges County Gentleman otherwise called David Ross of Bladensburg in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto John Ridout in a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of Three hundred and eleven pounds and six pence Sterling Money of the Value of Five hundred and eighteen pounds seven shillings and six pence current money which from him he unjustly detains and so forth: And whereupon the said John Ridout by Philip Barton Key his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid David Ross on the second day of March seventeen hundred and ninety two at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said John Ridout in the aforesaid sum of Three hundred and eleven pounds and six pence Sterling money to be paid to the said John Ridout when afterwards he should be thereunto required. And the said John Ridout in fact saith that the aforesaid sum of Sterling money at the time of making the writing Obligatory aforesaid was always since hath been and now is of the value of Five hundred and eighteen pounds seven shillings and six pence current money of Maryland to wit at the County aforesaid. Nevertheless the aforesaid David Ross altho' often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of Three hundred and eleven pounds and six pence Sterling money or the value thereof to him the said John Ridout hath not rendered or paid but the same or any part thereof to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, Wherefore the said John Ridout saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of One thousand 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 David Ross which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid.

P. B. Key, Pltffs Atty. Pledges. John Doe, & Richard Roe.

(Know)

Know all Men by these presents that I David Ross of Bladensburg in the State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto John Ridout of Annapolis in the said State in the sum of Three hundred and eleven pounds and six pence Sterling money to be paid unto him the said John Ridout his certain Attorney his Heirs, Executors Administrators or assigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs my Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this second day of March seventeen hundred and ninety two; The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden David Ross his Heirs, Executors or Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Ridout his certain Attorney his Executors, Administrators or assigns the full and just sum of One hundred and fifty five pounds ten shillings and three pence Sterling money with legal interest thereon then the above Obligation to be void, else of full force and vertue in Law

Sealed and Delivered in presence of } David Ross. (Seal)
Horatio Ridout

At which said 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 said John Ridout by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County, to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here with the following indorsement thereon to wit,

Cepi, Copy left March 18. 1797. Jo. Boone Sheriff

And the said David Ross by John Mackall Gantt and William Cooke his Attornies appears in Court here and thereupon on motion of the said John Ridout by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said David Ross answer to the Declaration aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default hereof; And the said David Ross by his Attorneys 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: and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said John Ridout 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

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