hundred and ninety seven; to which said day the said David Ross had leave to imparle, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the said John Ridout by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said David Ross by his Attornies aforesaid; and the said David Ross by his Attornies aforesaid (as before) defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the said John Ridout ought not to have or maintain his Action aforesaid against him, because, he saith that he hath paid to the said John Ridout the said sum of money in the Condition of the said writing Obligatory mentioned with the interest thereon according to the said Condition of the writing Obligatory aforesaid; And this he is ready to verify; wherefore he prays Judgment if the said John Ridout ought to have or maintain his Action aforesaid against him and so forth. And the said John Ridout by his Attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said David Ross above in pleading alleged, ought not to be precluded from having or maintaining his action aforesaid against him, because he saith that the said David Ross hath not paid to him, the said sum of money in the condition aforesaid mentioned; with the interest thereon in manner and form as the said David Ross above by pleading hath alleged, and this he prays may be enquired of by the Country: And the said David Ross 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 whom neither and so forth, to recognize and so forth, because as well and so forth, the same day is given to the parties aforesaid 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 said John Ridout by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said David Ross by his Attornies aforesaid; Thereupon the said David Ross by his Attornies aforesaid relinquisheth the averment aforesaid above by him pretended, and saith that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said John Ridout so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he

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owes to the said John Ridout the said sum of Five hundred and eighteen pounds seven shillings and six pence current money in manner and form as the said John Ridout above against him hath declared: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said John Ridout recover against the said David Ross as well the sum of Five hundred and eighteen pounds seven shillings and six pence current money the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as the quantity of seven hundred and fifty five pounds tobacco adjudged by the Court here unto him the said John Ridout on his assent as well for the Damages sustained by reason of the detention of the said debt, as for the costs and charges laid out and expended about his suit in this behalf: And the said David Ross in mercy and so forth.

Memorandum. On the Twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. Judgment was rendered in this cause for the penalty of the Bond and costs of suit; To be released on the payment of the principal, Interest and costs: payments (if any) to be allowed. Stay Execution till the first day of August next.

Test. John Gwinn Clk.

John Hoskins Stone, against William Thornton	Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, the said

John Hoskins Stone by John Thomson Mason his Attorney sued out of the General Court, the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum, directed to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County, in the words and figures, following, to wit.

The State of Maryland, sc. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges County greeting, We command you that you take William Thornton late of Prince Georges County Gentleman, otherwise called William Thornton of George Town if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer unto John Hoskins Stone of a plea that he render to him the sum of Three thousand pounds current money of Maryland which he owes to him 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 12th day of December Anno Domini 1796.

Issued the sixth day of March 1797. (J. T. Mason) John Gwinn Cl.