words and figures following, to wit,

The State of Maryland, sc. To the Sheriff of Montgomery County Greeting You are hereby commanded to take Benjamin Ray Senior Benjamin Ray Senior Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings late of Montgomery County Yeoman otherwise called Benjamin Ray Junior, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings of Montgomery County and State of Maryland if they shall be found in your bailiwick, and them safe keep, so that you have their bodies before the Judges of the General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer unto the State of Maryland in a plea that they render unto it the sum of Ten thousand pounds Current Money which to it they owe and from it unjustly detain 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 the said Court, the 29th day of January Anno Domini 1798 Issued the 25th day of March 1798 (J. T. Mc.) Jno Gwinn Clk.

And the aforesaid State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid Writ filed in Court here, the following Declaration and Oyer of Bond, Copies whereof were made and sent with the said Writ, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit.

State of Maryland Western Shore, Montgomery County, to wit. Benjamin Ray Junior, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings late of Montgomery County Yeoman otherwise called Benjamin Ray Junior, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings of Montgomery County and State of Maryland were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland in a plea that that they render unto it the sum of Ten thousand pounds Current Money which to it they owe and from it unjustly detain and so forth. And whereupon the said State of Maryland by John Thomson Mason its Attorney says that whereas the aforesaid Benjamin Ray Junior, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings on the sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven at Montgomery County aforesaid by their certain writing Obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the said Sum of Ten thousand pounds Current Money to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Benjamin (Ray)

Ray Junior, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Ten thousand pounds Current Money to the said State of Maryland have not rendered or paid, but the same they to it hitherto to render or pay have altogether refused and still do refuse wherefore the said State of Maryland say it is the worse and has damage to the value of Ten thousand pounds Current Money of Maryland and therefore it brings Suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the Seals of the aforesaid Benjamin Ray Junior, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth whose date is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

J. T. Mason for the Plaintiff pledges to prosecute. John Doe, & Richard Roe

Know all Men by these presents that We Benjamin Ray Junior, Benjamin Ray Senior, Henry Ayton, Thomas Rawlings and John Rawlings of Montgomery County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of Ten thousand pounds Current Money to be paid to the said State or its certain Attorney to the which payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this Sixteenth day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Benjamin Ray Junior as Sheriff of Montgomery County do and shall well and faithfully execute the same Office in all things appertaining thereto and shall also render to the several Officers within this State a just and true account of all fees placed in his hands for Collection within the time limitted by law and shall also well and truly pay all sums of Money received by him and also collect and pay all public dues fines and forfeitures which are due or belonging to the State and shall also well and faithfully execute and return all Writs process and Warrants to him directed and deliver and shall also pay and deliver to the person or persons entitled to receive the same all Sum or Sums of Money Tobacco Goods Chattels or property by him levied seized or taken agreeably to the directions of the Writ process or Warrant under which the same shall have been levied seized or taken and also shall keep and detain in safe Custody all and every person or persons committed to his Custody or by him taken in Execution or who shall be committed for want of Bail without suffering them or any of them Escape or depart from his Custody and shall also satisfy and pay all Judgments which shall or may be rendered against (him)