so that you have his body before the Judges of the General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next to answer unto Francis Mantz of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and one pounds and nine pence specie to him 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 the said Court the Eighteenth day of July anno domini 1797.

Issued the 31st day of July 1797. J D. John Gwinn Clk.

And the said Francis Mantz by his attorney aforesaid on the day of the date of the aforegoing writ filed in Court here his declaration against the said Ralph Briscoe in the plea aforesaid and the oyer of the bond 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 Frederick County Set. Ralph Briscoe late of Frederick County Planter was summoned to answer unto Francis Mantz of a plea that he render unto them the sum of one hundred and one pounds and nine pence specie to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth.

And whereupon the said Francis Mantz by Joshua Dorsey his attorney complains that whereas on the twenty eighth day of January seventeen hundred and ninety six at Frederick County the said Ralph Briscoe by his certain writing sealed with his seal and now here in Court shewn the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid acknowledged to have received goods from the said Francis Mantz to the above sum of one hundred and one pounds and nine pence specie which sum he promised and obliged himself his heirs Executors and administrators to pay or cause to be paid to the said Francis Mantz his heirs or assigns four months from the date thereof value as above received. Nevertheless the said Ralph Briscoe although hereunto required; to wit, on the thirtieth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety six and often afterwards at the County aforesaid hath not yet paid the said sum of money to the said Francis Mantz but to pay the same hath hitherto refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said Francis Mantz saith he is injured and hath Damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current money of Maryland, and therefore he brings suit and so forth.

J Dorsey for Pltff. Pledges, John Doe, and Richard Roe.

Copy of the said writing

1796. Mr. Ralph Briscoe Dr. in Acct. with Francis Mantz.

Jany 28th To goods from the 16th March 1795. to 28th Jany 1796 — £101 . 0 . 9.

E S p. Francis Mantz.

I do hereby acknowledge to have received goods from Francis Mantz to the above sum of one hundred and one pounds and nine pence specie which sum I promise and oblige myself my heirs Executors and administrators to pay or cause to be paid to the said Francis Mantz his heirs and assigns four months from the date hereof value as above received as witness my hand and seal dated twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. Ralph Briscoe (seal)

Witness Present George Mantz.

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 and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the said Francis Mantz by his attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Frederick County to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Copia non Delt 26th August. R. Butler Shff

And the said Ralph Briscoe by Roger Nelson his attorney appears in Court here and thereupon on motion of the said Francis Mantz by his attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the said Ralph Briscoe give special bail in the plea aforesaid Whereupon the said Ralph Briscoe by his attorney aforesaid files in Court here his Bailpiece in form following to wit.

Francis Mantz Pltff. vs. Ralph Briscoe Defdt.	Action of Debt.

You Benjamin Hopkins and John Briscoe do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Ralph Briscoe at the suit of the said Francis Mantz in an action of Debt brought by the said Francis Mantz against the said Ralph Briscoe in the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fifth day of October 1797. Before George Baer Jun. John Gwinn.

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court.

Roger Nelson Esq. Atty for Defs.

And Thereupon on motion of the said Francis Mantz by his attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the said Ralph Briscoe answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said Francis Mantz in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against