seventeen pounds seven shillings and one penny to him the said William hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore the said William says that he is the worse and hath damage to the value of one hundred pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid George King which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Pledges and so forth. John Doe and Richard Roe

I. T. Mason for the Plaintiff.

The oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof follow in these words to wit.

Know all men by these presents that I George King merchant of George Town in Montgomery County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto William B. Magruder of the Town County and State aforesaid in the just and full sum of nine hundred and seventeen pounds seven shillings and one penny Currency to be paid unto the said William B. Magruder his certain Attorney Executors, administrators and assigns: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors, administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with my seal and dated this twenty second day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound George King do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said William B. Magruder his certain attorney Executors administrators or assigns the just and full sum of four hundred and fifty eight pounds thirteen shillings and six pence halfpenny on or before the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, with interest thereon from that time if not then paid, then the above obligation to be void and of no effect else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed sealed and Delivered in the presence of Geo. Wilson — George King (seal)

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 William Burrell Magruder by his attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Montgomery County to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed

Endorsed to wit. Copi copy left 30th August Benj. Raybun Shff.

And the said George King by James Cook his attorney in pursuance of the writ and return aforesaid appears in Court here and thereupon on motion of the said William Burrell Magruder by his attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said George King give special bail in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said George King by his attorney aforesaid files in Court here his bail piece in the plea aforesaid in form following to wit.

William Burrell Magruder Plaintiff
against
George King Defendant

You Adam King and William Mhann do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said George King at the suit of the said William Burrell Magruder in an action of Debt brought by the said William Burrell Magruder against the said George King in the General Court, They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 28th day of Sept. 1797.

Before Lloyd Beall, Thos. Corcoran

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court

I do hereby authorise and empower James Cook Esquire to appear for me in the above suit.

George King

And thereupon on motion of the said William Burrell Magruder by his attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said George King answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said William Burrell Magruder in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default hereof, And the said George King by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to Imparle until the second tuesday of May next and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said William Burrell Magruder in the plea aforesaid: and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said William Burrell Magruder also.

At which 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, to which said day the said George King had leave to imparle and then to answer come again into the General Court here as well the said William Burrell Magruder by his attorney aforesaid as the said George King by William Branch his attorney And the said George King by his attorney aforesaid (as before) defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the said William Burrell Magruder ought not to have or maintain his action aforesaid against him because he saith that he the said George King hath paid to the said William Burrell Magruder the said sum of money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory