the issuing of the aforesaid Writ filed in Court here, the following Declaration and Oyer of Bond, a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said Writ, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit.

Western Shore, State of Maryland, Baltimore County Sc.

Edward Neale and Joseph Neale late of Baltimore County Merchants otherwise called Edward Neale and Joseph Neale of St. Mary's County in the State of Maryland were summoned to answer unto John Dent of a plea, that they render unto him, the full and just sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds Current Money which to him they owe and from him unjustly detain and soforth. And Whereupon the said John Dent by Thomas Buchanan his Attorney says that whereas the aforesaid Edward and Joseph on the first day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one at the County aforesaid, by their certain writing Obligatory, acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid John in the aforesaid sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds Current money aforesaid to be paid to him the said John Dent when afterwards they should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Edward and Joseph (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds Current Money to him the said John Dent have not rendered or paid, but the same sum of money to him hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused, and still do refuse; Wherefore the said John Dent says he is the worse, and has damage to the value of four hundred pounds Current money aforesaid, and therefore he brings suit and soforth, and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seals of the aforesaid Edward and Joseph, which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, Witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Thos. Buchanan for Plaintiff Pledges &c John Doe and Richard Roe.

(Oyer of the Bond,

Know all Men by these presents, that we Edward Neale and Joseph Neale of St. Mary's County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto John Dent of the County of Charles and State aforesaid in the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds Current Money, which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and each of our heirs, Executors and administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals, and dated this first day of June 1791. Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Edward Neale and Joseph Neale shall well and truly pay unto the said John Dent

(his)

his certain Attorney, Heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns the just sum of One hundred and twenty five pounds Current Money on or before the first day of June 1793. with legal Interest thereon, that then the Obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force, power and virtue in Law. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals the date above written.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in presence of } Edward Neale of Ju:
Test. Bennett Hopewell Jun. } Joseph Neale

At which mentioned 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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here the aforesaid John Dent by Thomas Buchanan his Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, to wit, Cornelius H Gest, Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ, was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit.

"Cepi Ecw., Copy served 5th April, Bail piece & power to Pl. N.C. Joseph

Cornelius H Gest Shff.

And the said Edward Neale by Thomas Randall and Walter Dorsey his Attornies appears in Court here; And thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid John Dent by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Edward Neale give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said Edward Neale by his Attornies aforesaid, files, in Court here, the following, bail piece, to wit.

John Dent
against
Edward Neale &
Joseph Neale

You Josias Clements and John Kirivan do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special bail for Edward Neale at the suit of John Dent in an Action Debt &c brought by the said John Dent against the said Edward Neale and the above Joseph Neale in the General Court, for the Western Shore, to be held in the City of Annapolis, the second Tuesday in May next; They acknowledge themselves content therewith, this sixth day of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight acknowledged Before James Alcock

Geo. Buchanan

I Edward Neale, empower, authorise and appoint Thomas B. Randall Esquire, to appear for me in the above Action. Given under my hand and Seal, this sixth day of April Seventeen hundred and ninety eight.

Witness
Arnold Liners

Edward Neale (Seal)

(To the)