deceive and defraud the said Thomas in this behalf has not at yet paid the aforesaid several sums of money or any part thereof, to the said Thomas (altho' so to do, the said Abraham was requested by the said Thomas afterwards to wit, on the day and year last aforesaid and often afterwards to wit at the County aforesaid) but to do this the said Abraham has hitherto altogether refused, and the said Abraham still refuses, so to do, to the damage of the said Thomas in the sum of three hundred pounds Current Money and thereof he brings suit and so forth.

David Mc Mecken for Plaintiff } Pledges and so forth { John Doe and Richard Roe.

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 said Thomas Yates by David Mc Mecken and James Winchester his Attornies; and the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, to wit, Cornelius H. Gist, 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 Copy Served 10th. April, Bail Price and Power to, M^c M,

Cornelius H. Gist Shff.

And the said Abraham Kauffman by William Mc Mecken his Attorney appears in Court here, and thereupon on the motion of the aforesaid Thomas Yates by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Abraham Kauffman give special bail to the Action aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid, Whereupon the said Abraham Kauffman by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here, the following Bail piece, to wit.

Thomas Yates against Abraham Kauffman	You Henry Nagle and Adam Gantz do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail, for Abraham Kauffman at the suit of Thomas Yates in an action of a

plea of Trespass upon the case &c. brought by the said Thomas Yates against the said Abraham Kauffman in the General Court for the Western Shore, to be held in the City of Annapolis, the second Tuesday of May next, They acknowledge themselves content therewith, this twenty seventh day of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight

Acknowledged Before Robt Gorsuch, Jas. Calhoun.

I Abraham Kauffman empower, authorise and appoint William Mc Mecken Esquire, to appear for me in the above Action, Given

(under)

under my hand and seal, this 27th. day of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight Abraham Kauffman (Seal)

Witness Robt Gorsuch

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court.

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Thomas Yates by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Abraham Kauffman answer to the Declaration aforesaid, of the aforesaid Thomas Yates in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof, and the said Abraham Kauffman 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 October next, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid, of the aforesaid Thomas Yates in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said Thomas Yates also.

At which said second Tuesday of October, being the ninth day of the same Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, to which said day the said Abraham Kauffman had leave to Imparle, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Thomas Yates in the plea aforesaid, comes again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid Thomas Yates by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Abraham Kauffman by his Attorney aforesaid; And the said Abraham Kauffman by his Attorney aforesaid (as before) defends the force and injury when and so forth, and says that he did not assume upon himself in such manner and form as the aforesaid Thomas Yates above against him hath declared, and of this he puts himself upon the Country, and the said Thomas Yates 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 who neither and so forth, to recognize and so forth, because as well and so forth, the same day is given to the said parties then and there and so forth.

And now, at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the same Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, come again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid Thomas Yates by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Abraham Kauffman by his Attorney aforesaid;

Nevertheless the said Abraham Kauffman by his Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment aforesaid, above by him pretended says, that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid

(Thomas)