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Richard H. Harwood for Pltff. Pledges &c John Doe and Richard Roe.

(Oyer of the Bill Obligatory)

Know all Men by these presents, that I Samuel Watkins and William Watkins both of Anne Arundel County and State of Maryland are jointly and separately held and firmly bound unto William Wells Merchant of the City of Annapolis in the just and full sum of Eighty nine pounds nine shillings and eleven pence half penny which we jointly and separately promise to pay or cause to be paid unto the aforesaid William Wells his Heirs and assigns on or before the first of November next ensuing the Date hereof with legal Interest for value received. As Witness our hands and seals this 19th day of September 1794.

Witness } Samuel Watkins (seal)
Jacob Franklin } William Watkins (seal)

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the writ which issued in the plea aforesaid. At which said third Monday in April to wit, the 17th day of the same month in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, comes the said William Wells by Richard Hall Harwood his Attorney and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to whom the same Writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed

"Cepi Copy left April 10th. Richard Harwood Sheriff

And the said Samuel Watkins being called upon appears, and at the prayer of the Plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid is adjudged to give special bail to the Action aforesaid; Thereupon a certain John Watkins son of Stephen of Anne Arundel County Planter present here in Court undertakes for the said Samuel Watkins that in case the said William Wells shall recover Judgment against the said Samuel Watkins in the plea aforesaid, or that the said Samuel Watkins shall be therein legally convict, that then the said Samuel Watkins shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or render his Body into the Custody of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in satisfaction thereof or that he the said John Watkins son of Stephen will do the same for him

And the said Samuel Watkins by Arthur Shaaff his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave to Imparle here unto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit the third Monday in September seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again the said parties

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Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attornies aforesaid, and the said Defendant by his said Attorney, prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. And the said William Wells by his Attorney aforesaid prays that the aforesaid Samuel Watkins may to his writ and Declaration answer by the first day of February next.

At which said next Court to wit, the third Monday in April seventeen hundred and ninety eight, come again as well the said William Wells by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Samuel Watkins by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Samuel Watkins by his Attorney aforesaid produces to the Court here the States Writ of Habeas Corpus which is allowed by the Court and the record ordered to be transmitted

The State of Maryland Sct.

To the Justices and Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Samuel Watkins is detained in the prison of our said County, under the custody of you, our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain William Wells of a plea of Debt and so forth, which said plea, as it is said, still depends before you our said Justices, undetermined, and we being willing for divers causes, that the plea aforesaid, undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court, therefore we command you, that you have the Body of the said Samuel Watkins by whatsoever name or names he may be called, in the plea aforesaid together with the cause of his caption and detention and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of October next, that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your Peril, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the fourth day of June Anno Domini 1798.

Issued the 19th day of June Anno Domini 1798.

A.S. John Gwinn Clerk

(seal of A Arundel Co. Court)

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Office this 28 day of June Anno Domini 1798.

Nich Harwood Clerk

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, comes into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid William Wells by William Hilty and Walter Dorsey his

(Attorney)