Greeting. Whereas a certain William Watkins is detained in the prison of the said County, under the Custody of you the said Sheriff: at the suit of a certain William Wells, in a plea of Debt and so forth, which said plea, as it is said, still depends before you, the said Justices undetermined; and the, General Court, being willing for divers causes, that the plea aforesaid, undetermined as aforesaid, should be heard and determined before the said General Court; therefore you are hereby commanded, that you have the Body of the said William 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 said General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis, the second Tuesday of October next, that the 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 the said General Court, the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight

Issued the 28th day of September 1798. (R.W.) John Greenin Clk

At which mentioned 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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, The Honorable the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Anne Arundel County to whom the said aforegoing Writ, was in form aforesaid directed, in pursuance thereof and according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, make return thereof of the same Writ to the Court here, with the following record to wit:

Anne Arundel County Sct. At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for the County aforesaid on the third Monday of September being the 17th day of the same month in the year 1798.

Were Present.

The Worshipfull | Henry Ridgely Esquire, Chief Justice
Samuel Ridout
Henry Ridgely | Esqrs. Associate Justices

John Welch Gent. Sheriff Nich. Harwood Clk.

In the record of proceedings of the same Court, is the following, to wit.

R.W. W.H. William Wells for use Andrew Buchanan against William Watkins | Command was given to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County that he should take William Watkins late of Anne Arundel County otherwise

(called)

called William Watkins of Anne Arundel County and State of Maryland if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and that him he should safe keep, so that he might have his Body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Annapolis the third Monday of April then next to answer unto William Wells in a plea that he render unto him the sum of eighty nine pounds nine shillings and eleven pence half penny Current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth.

And the said William Wells by Richard H. Harwood his Attorney declared against the said William Watkins in a plea aforesaid, as follows, to wit.

Anne Arundel County Sct. William Watkins late of Anne Arundel County otherwise called William Watkins of Anne Arundel County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto William Wells in a plea that he render unto him the sum of eighty nine pounds, nine shellings and eleven pence half penny Current Money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains &c. And Whereupon the said William by Richard H. Harwood his Attorney saith that whereas the said William Watkins on the nineteenth day of September seventeen hundred and ninety four at Anne Arundel County aforesaid by his certain Bill Obligatory promised to pay to him the said William Wells the just and full sum of eighty nine pounds nine shillings and eleven pence half penny Current Money with legal Interest for value received on or before the first day of November next ensuing the date hereof. Nevertheless the aforesaid William the said sum eighty nine pounds nine shillings and eleven pence half penny Current Money to him the said William Wells hath not a paid rendered, altho so to do the aforesaid William Watkins was on the first day of November seventeen hundred and ninety four and often afterwards at the County aforesaid requested, but the same or any part thereof to him the said William Wells to render or pay he the said William Watkins hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of him the said William Wells in the sum of Two hundred pounds Current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings hereunto Court the Bill Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of him the said William Watkins which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, Witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid &c.

Richard H. Harwood for Plff. Pledges &c. so forth. John Doe, Rich. Roe.

(Oyer of the Bill Obligatory)

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