At which mentioned 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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the aforesaid Benjamin Oden by Richard Ridgely his attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Washington County aforesaid to wit, John Wagoner 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.

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And the said William Tong by William McMechen his attorney appears in Court here and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Benjamin Oden by his attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said William Tong give special Bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid whereupon a certain Benjamin Clagett of Washington County Gentleman present here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said William Tong that in Case the aforesaid Benjamin Oden shall recover judgment against the said William Tong in the plea aforesaid or that the said William Tong shall be therein legally convict that then the said William Tong shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or order his body to the Coustody of the sheriff of Washington County in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Benjamin Clagett will do the same for him.

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Benjamin Oden by his attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said William Tong answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Benjamin Oden in the plea aforesaid or judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof And the said William Tong by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and soforth, 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 Benjamin Oden in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Benjamin Oden also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, to which said day the said William Tong had leave to Imparle, and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Benjamin Oden in the plea aforesaid comes again into the General

General Court here as well the aforesaid Benjamin Oden by his attorney aforesaid as the said William Tong by his attorney aforesaid and the said William Tong by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and soforth and saith that the aforesaid Benjamin Oden his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c. because he saith that he the said William Tong did pay unto the aforesaid Benjamin Oden the said sum of money in the bill obligatory aforesaid mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the said writing obligatory and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid Benjamin Oden his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought andsoforth.

And the aforesaid Benjamin Oden by his attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said William Tong above in pleading alleged from having or maintainning his action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the said William Tong hath not paid unto him the aforesaid Benjamin Oden the aforesaid sum of money in the bill obligatory aforesaid mentioned with the interest thereon in such manner and form as the said William Tong above by pleading hath alledged and this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and the said William Tong in like manner and soforth.

Therefore let a jury thereon appear before the Court here on the second Tuesday of May next by whom and soforth and who neither andsoforth to recognize and soforth, because as well and soforth the same day is given to the said parties then and there and soforth.

And now at this day, to wit the said second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Benjamin Oden by his attorney aforesaid as the said William Tong by his attorney aforesaid; Nevertheless the said William Tong by his attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment aforesaid above by him pretended says that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid Benjamin Oden so as aforesaid against him brought nor but that he owes to the aforesaid Benjamin Oden the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Current money in such manner and form as the aforesaid Benjamin Oden above against him hath declared nor but that the said Benjamin Oden hath sustained damage by reason of the detention of the said Debt to the sum of one hundred pounds Current money besides his Costs and Charges by him laid out expended about his suit in this behalf

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