R. Smith Pltfs Atty. } John Doe, and
Pledges &c. } Richard Roe.

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 George P. Reeports by Robert Smith his attorney aforesaid 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.

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And the said John Hackett and Alexander Grantt by William McMechen their attorney, appear in Court here, And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid George P. Reeports by his attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the said John Hackett and Alexander Grant give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon the said John Hackett and Alexander Grant by their Attorney aforesaid, file in Court here the following, Bail piece, to wit.

George P. Reeports vs John Hackett and Alexander Grant

You Hezekiah Grant and Archibald Monerieff jointly and severally, acknowledge yourselves Special bail for John Hackett and Alexander Grant at the suit of George P. Reeports in an action of a plea of trespass on the Case and soforth brought by the said George P. Reeports against the said John Hackett and Alexander Grant in the General Court for the Western Shore to be held in the City, of Annapolis, the second Tuesday in may Instant They acknowledge themselves content therewith this eleventh day of May seventeen hundred and ninety nine.

Acknowledged before. Geo. Gouldth. Presbury,
Rob. Gorsuch.

We John Hackett and Alexander Grant empower authorise and appoint William McMechen Esquire to appear for us in the above action Given under our hands and seals this 11th. Day, of May seventeen hundred and ninety, nine.

John Hackett (Seal)
Alexr. Grant (Seal)

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court.

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid George P. Reeports by his attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said John Hackett and

and Alexander Grant answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid George P. Reeports in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against them in default thereof and the said John Hackett and Alexander Grant by their attorney, aforesaid defends the force and injury when and soforth, and pray 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 George P. Reeports in the plea aforesaid and to them it is granted the same day, is given to the aforesaid George P. Reeports 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 John Hackett and Alexander Grant had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid George P. Reeports in the plea aforesaid come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid George P. Reeports by his attorney, aforesaid, as the said John Hackett and Alexander Grant by their attorney, aforesaid and the said John Hackett and Alexander Grant by their attorney, aforesaid (as before) defends the force and injury, when and soforth and say, that they did not Assume upon themselves in such manner and form as the aforesaid George P. Reeports above against them hath declared and of this they put themselves upon the Country, and the aforesaid George P. Reeports above against them hath declared and of this they put themselves upon the Country, and the aforesaid George P. Reeports 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 and soforth 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 come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid George P. Reeports by his attorney, aforesaid as the said John Hackett and Alexander Grantt by their attorney, aforesaid; Nevertheless the said John Hackett and Alexander Grant by their attorney aforesaid relinquishing the avowment above by them pretended say that they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid George P. Reeports so as aforesaid against them brought nor but that the said George P. Reeports hath sustained damage to the sum of Nine hundred pounds Current money, of Maryland by occasion of the Non performance of the promise and Assumption aforesaid in manner and form as the aforesaid George P. Reeports above against them hath declared.

Therefore