And the aforesaid Levin Gale by his Attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid Writ, filed in Court here, the following Declaration and Oyer of Bond, a Copy whereof was made and sent with the said Writ, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit,

Western Shore of Maryland Montgomery County, Ss. Thomas Sim Lee late of Montgomery County Gentleman, otherwise called Thomas Sim Lee of Montgomery County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Levin Gale of a plea that he render unto the said Levin the sum of Eleven hundred and ninety one pounds nineteen Shillings and eight pence Current money which to the said Levin he owes and from him unjustly detains &c. Whereupon the said Levin by James Winchester his Attorney says, that the said Thomas on the nineteenth Day of May in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety seven at the County aforesaid, by his certain Writing Obligatory, Sealed with his Seal (and to the Court now here shewn, whose date is the day and year aforesaid) acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound to the said Levin in the just and full sum of Eleven hundred and ninety one pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence Current money to be paid to the said Levin whenever afterwards he the said Thomas should be thereunto required; Nevertheless the said Thomas (although often requested) hath not yet paid the said money to the said Levin but hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same to him, To the Damage of the said Levin Three hundred pounds like money and thereof he brings Suit &c.

J Winchester Pltffs Atty.

(Oyer)

Know all Men by these Presents That we Thomas Sim Lee and William Deakins Junr. both of Montgomery County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Levin Gale Junr. of Somerset County and State aforesaid in the full and just Sum of Eleven hundred and ninety one pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Eight pence Current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Levin Gale, his Executors Administrators or Assigns. To which Payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves and each of us, Our and each of Our Heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and Severally firmly by these Presents, Sealed with Our Seals and dated this nineteenth Day of May Seventeen hundred and ninety Seven.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Sim Lee do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Levin Gale his Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just Sum of Three hundred and ninety five pounds, nineteen Shillings and ten pence Current money of Maryland with legal Interest thereon Then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of. William Lee

Thos S Lee (seal)
Willi Deakins Jr. (seal)

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 Levin Gale by James Winchester his Attorney aforesaid, And the Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid to wit, Benjamin White Jones Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing Writ, was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof, to the General Court here, thus endorsed, to wit,

Cepi Copy left 4th April Benj. W Jones Shff.

And the said Thomas Sim Lee by William Cooke and Philip Barton Key his Attorneys appears in Court here. And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Levin Gale by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, That the said Thomas Sim Lee give Special Bail to the Action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid Whereupon the said Thomas Sim Lee by Philip Barton Key his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit,

Levin Gale Plaintiff against Thomas S Lee Defendant

We Marsham Waring and James M Lingan do jointly and Severally acknowledge ourselves Special Bail for the said Thomas S. Lee at the Suit of the said Levin Gale in an Action of Debt, brought by the said Levin Gale against the said Thomas S Lee in the General Court, They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fifteenth Day of April 1799 before us,

Thos Plater Associate Justice Mont County
Thos Corcoran Justice Montgomery County

To the Honourable The Judges of the General Court

I do hereby authorise and empower Philip B Key Esquire to appear for me in the above Suit.

Thos S. Lee

And Thereupon on Motion of the aforesaid Levin Gale by his Attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here, That the said Thomas Sim Lee answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Levin Gale in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof. And the said Thomas Sim Lee by his Attornies 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 Levin Gale in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Levin Gale 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 Thomas Sim Lee had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Levin Gale in the plea aforesaid, Comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Levin Gale by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Thomas Sim Lee by his Attornies aforesaid And the said Thomas Sim Lee by his Attornies aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth. and saith that the aforesaid Levin Gale (his)