are held and firmly bound unto Alexander Stewart and Jane Gale of Somerset County, and State aforesaid in the full and just Sum of Two Thousand Three hundred and fifty Eight pounds Current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Alexander Stewart and Jane Gale their Heirs 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 unto the said Alexander Stewart and Jane Gale their Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just Sum of Eleven hundred and Seventy nine pounds Current money of Maryland with legal Interest thereon then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of William Lee } Thomas S. Lee .... (seal) William Deakins Jun. (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 Alexander Stewart 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 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 Attornies appears in Court here. And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Alexander Stewart 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 William Cooke his Attorney aforesaid files in Court the following Bail Piece to wit.

Alex. Stewart Plaintiff against Thomas S Lee Defendant.

You Marshan Waring and James M. Lingan do jointly and Severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said Thomas S Lee at the Suit of the said Alex. Stewart in an Action of Debt, brought by the said Alex Stewart against the said Thomas S Lee in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fifteenth day of April 1799.

Before me. Thos Plater Apte Justice Thos Beall Coun. State } Montgomery

To the Honorable The Judges of the General Court

I do hereby authorise and empower William Cooke Esquire to appear for me in the above Suit.

Thos S. Lee.

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Alexander Stewart 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 Alexander Stewart 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 next, and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Alexander Stewart in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to aforesaid Alexander Stewart 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 Alexander Stewart in the plea aforesaid, Comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Alexander Stewart 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 Alexander Stewart his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not &c. because he saith that he the said Thomas Sim Lee did pay unto the aforesaid Alexander Stewart the said Sum of money in the Condition of the said Writing Obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said Writing Obligatory and this he is ready to verify, Wherefore he prays Judgment, if the aforesaid Alexander Stewart his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c.

And the aforesaid Alexander Stewart by his Attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said Thomas Sim Lee above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith, That the said Thomas Sim Lee did not pay unto him the aforesaid Alexander the aforesaid Sum of money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said Thomas Sim Lee above by pleading hath alledged and of this he prays may be enquired of by the Country, And the said Thomas Sim Lee in like manner and so forth: Therefore let a Jury thereon appear before the Court here on the Second Tuesday of May next, by whom and so forth and who neither and so forth, to recognize and so forth, because as well and so forth: The same day is given to the said parties there and so forth.

And now at this Day to wit the said Second Tuesday of May being the