return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Ne. Thomas A. Dyson Shff of Charles County.

And whereupon afterwards, to wit, on the fifteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, the said John Hodgson, John Nicholson, John Rotton and John Thompson by Thomas Buchanan their Attorney aforesaid, again sued out of the General Court, the Writ of the State of Maryland, of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Charles County, in the words and figures following to wit

The State of Maryland, Set. To the Sheriff of Charles County Greeting, You are hereby commanded to take John Brent late of Charles County Gentleman otherwise called John Brent of Charles County, if he shall be found in your Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his Body before the Judges of the General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next, to answer unto John Hodgson, John Nicholson, John Rotton and John Thompson of a plea that he render unto them, the full and just sum of Two hundred and Sixty Seven pounds seventeen shillings and three pence three farthings Current money, which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains and so forth.

Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honourable Robert Goldsborough Esquire, Chief Judge of the said Court, the 8th day of May Anno Domini 1798.

Issued the 15th day of May 1798. J.B. ..... John Gwinn Clk

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and Oyer of Bond were likewise made and sent with the Writ aforesaid which issued last aforesaid in the plea aforesaid.

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 last aforegoing Writ, come into the General Court here, the aforesaid John Hodgson John Nicholson John Rotton and John Thompson by Thomas Buchanan their Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, to wit, Thomas A Dyson, Gentleman, to whom the said last aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit,

Non Est. Thos A Dyson Shff.

And thereupon afterwards, to wit, on the first day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and ninety nine the said John Hodgson, John Nicholson, John Rotton and John Thompson by their Attorney aforesaid, again sued out of the General Court the Writ of the State of Mary. (and of Capias ad respondendum, directed to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid in the words and figures following, to wit

The State of Maryland Set. To the Sheriff of Charles County Greeting.

We Command you, that you take John Brent, late of Charles County Gentleman otherwise called John Brent of Chas County, if he shall be found in your Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his Body before the Judges of Our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer unto John Hodgson, John Nicholson, John Rotton and John Thompson of a plea that he render unto them the full and just Sum of Two hundred and Sixty Seven pounds seventeen shillings and three pence three farthings Current money, which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honourable Robert Goldsborough Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court the ninth day of October Anno Domini 1798.

Issued the first Day of February 1799. J.B. John Gwinn Clk

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and Oyer of Bond was again made and sent with the Writ aforesaid which issued last aforesaid in the plea aforesaid.

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 last aforegoing Writ, Come into the General Court here, the aforesaid John Hodgson John Nicholson, John Rotton and John Thompson by Thomas Buchanan their Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, to wit, Thomas A. Dyson Gentleman, to whom the said last aforegoing Writ, was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Cepi copy left 22nd March. Thos A. Dyson Shff

And the said John Brent by Philip Barton Key his Attorney appears in Court here, And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid John Hodgson John Nicholson, John Rotton and John Thompson by their Attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here, That the said John Brent give special Bail to the Action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, Whereupon the said John Brent, by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here the following Bail Piece to wit

John Hodgson
John Nicholson
John Rotton and
John Thompson
vs
John Brent.

Debt £267.17.3¾ Ct. money.
You Thomas Burgess and Thomas Andrew Dyson do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said John Brent at the Suit of the said John Hodgson John Nicholson John Rotton and John Thompson in an Action of Debt brought by the said John Hodgson, John Nicholson, John Rotton and John Thompson against the said John Brent in the General Court, They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith

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