attornies, filed in the General Court here a certain writing obligatory, commonly called a Replevin Bond, and which is in form following towit. — Know all Men by these presents that we Bennet Wheeler, Henry Macatee and Francis Wheeler of Harford County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Christopher Hughes of the City of Baltimore in the full and just sum of Three hundred pounds current money to be paid to the said Christopher Hughes, his certain attorney Heirs Executors administrators or assigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our Heirs, Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this Seventh day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred. Whereas a certain Bennet Wheeler is about to sue out of the General Court of the Western Shore, the State of Maryland's Writ of Replevin, for the two following Negro Boys, towit, Negro Phil and negro Sam, to be directed to the Sheriff of Baltimore County returnable on the second tuesday in May next, before the Judges of the same Court: Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Bennet Wheeler shall prosecute the said Replevin to final Judgment and pay all damages and costs as the said Christopher Hughes shall recover against him and shall also return the negro Boys aforesaid in case that a return of said negroes shall be the final Judgment of the same Court, then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law. — Bennet Wheeler (Seal) Henry Macatee (Seal) Francis I. Wheeley (Seal) — Signed Sealed in the presence of Robert Morgan, Bennet Selby. — Whereupon, the said Bennet Wheeler by his attornies aforesaid, prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Replevin, directed to the sheriff of Baltimore County in form following towit. — The State of Maryland Sc. To the sheriff of Baltimore County, Greeting; Whereas, Bennet Wheeler of Harford county hath come into the General Court at the City of Annapolis and found sufficient sureties, as well his clamour to prosecute, as for the two following negro Boys towit, Negro Phil and Negro Sam the proper negro Slaves of him the said Bennet Wheeler which Christopher Hughes of Baltimore County hath taken and unjustly detains, as it is said, against sureties and pledges, to be returned, if the return thereof shall be adjudged; You are therefore hereby Commanded, that the said negro Boys towit, Negro Phil and negro Sam, to the said Bennet Wheeler to be Replevied and delivered, you cause, if in your bailiwick they shall be found, and that you

put by sureties and safe pledges the said Christopher Hughes that he be and appear before the said General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next, to answer unto the said Bennet Wheeler in a plea wherefore he took two negro Boys towit, negro Phil and negro Sam, the proper negro Slaves of him the said Bennet Wheeler and them unjustly detains against gages and pledges, and how you shall execute this writ make known to the said General Court at the place and on the day aforesaid; and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Jeremiah Townley Chase Esquire chief Judge of the said General Court the first day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred. Issued the 12th day of November 1800. — Ath. Ds. — Jno. Irwin Clk. And now at this day towit, the said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and one, being the day of the return of the said aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said Bennet Wheeler by his attornies aforesaid, and the sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, towit, Replevied and Delivered as p schedule. — James Wilson Shff. Which said schedule is in form following towit: A Schedule of the goods and chattels of Christopher Hughes seized and taken at the suit of Bennet Wheeler by virtue of a writ of Replevin from the General Court for Western Shore of the State of Maryland to the sheriff of Baltimore County directed and appraised by us the subscribers who being first duly summoned and sworn for that purpose. Given under our hands and seals this 13th day of November 1800. One Negro Boy named Phil — 55.0.0. — Jno. Daugherty (Seal) Jonathan Rutter (Seal) Peter Bond (Seal) Josh. Gorsuch (Seal) 1800 November 13th Received from the Sheriff of Baltimore County the within mentioned negro Boy. — Bennet Wheeler (Seal). — Witness, Henry Traphall. — Whereupon the said Christopher Hughes being so forewarned, appears in Court here by Robert Goodloe Harper and Samuel Chase Junior his attornies, and prays a return of the negroes aforesaid so as aforesaid replevied and delivered to the said Bennet Wheeler by the sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, in virtue of the said writ of Replevin, which is granted unto him with Consent of the said Bennet Wheeler, upon giving Bond and security, to be approved of by the Court here; whereupon the said Christopher Hughes by his attornies aforesaid, files in Court here, a certain writing obligatory, commonly called a Return Habendo Bond,