hundred and ninety five Dollars and forty eight cents, to be paid to the said William Hodgson 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 second day of May 1799 The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Johnson Beatty do well and truly on or before the first day of September next ensuing the date of these presents pay or cause to be paid to the said William Hodgson the sum of one thousand three hundred and ninety seven Dollars and seventy four cents with Interest thereon to be computed at the rate of six per centum per annum from the twenty ninth day of April last past, then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Being first duly stamped, signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Chas A Beatty Joseph Clements for T. I. Beatty Edwd L Smith for Chas Beatty | Thos J. Beatty (seal) | Chas Beatty (seal)

At which mentioned 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 and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the aforesaid William Hodgson by John J. Mason his attorney aforesaid: and the Sheriff of Montgomery county aforesaid to wit, Benjamin H Jones Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

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Afterwards to wit on the fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine the said William Hodgson by his attorney aforesaid, again sued out of the General Court the writ of the State of Maryland of Alias capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid in the words and figures following to wit, The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Montgomery County Greeting. You are hereby commanded to take Charles Beatty late of Montgomery County yeoman, otherwise called Charles Beatty of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next to answer unto William Hodgson in a plea that he render unto him the sum of two thousand seven hundred and ninety five Dollars and forty eight cents of the value of one thousand and forty eight pounds six shillings and one penny current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth. Thereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honourable Jeremiah Townley Chase Esquire chief Judge of the said Court the eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety nine

Issued the fifth day of December 1799. (J. J. M.) Jno Gwinn clk

A copy of which aforegoing declaration and Oyer of Bond was made and sent with the writ aforesaid which issued last aforesaid in the plea aforesaid directed to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ which issued last aforesaid in the plea aforesaid comes again into the General Court here the aforesaid William Hodgson by John J. Mason and Philip B. Key his attornies: and the Sheriff of Montgomery County aforesaid, to wit Benjamin H Jones Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid makes return thereof to the court here thus endorsed to wit,

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And the said Charles Beatty by Arthur Shaaff and James S Morrell his attornies appears in Court here, and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid William Hodgson by his attornies aforesaid, It is ruled by the court here that the said Charles Beatty give special Bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, Whereupon a certain Joseph Chapline of Washington County, Gentleman, present here in court in his proper person with the consent of the aforesaid William Hodgson by his attornies aforesaid, undertakes for the said Charles Beatty that in case the afsd William Hodgson shall recover Judgment against the said Charles Beatty in the plea aforesaid, or that the said Charles Beatty shall be therein legally convict, that then the said Charles Beatty shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereupon, or render his body to the custody of the Sheriff of Montgomery County, in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said Joseph Chapline will do the same for him.

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid William Hodgson by his attornies aforesaid, It is ruled by the court here that the said Charles Beatty answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid William Hodgson in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof: and the said Charles Beatty 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 William Hodgson in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid William Hodgson also.

At which said second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, to which said day the said Charles Beatty had leave to Imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid William Hodgson in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid William Hodgson by his attornies aforesaid, as the said Charles Beatty by his attornies aforesaid: and the said Charles Beatty by his attornies aforesaid (as before) defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the aforesaid William Hodgson his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not and so forth: because he saith that he the said Charles Beatty did pay unto the aforesaid William Hodgson 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

(whereof