The State of Maryland to. To the sheriff of Baltimore county Greeting. You are hereby commanded to take William Hafpard late of Baltimore county yeoman if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe kep so that you have his body before the general court to be held at the city of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October next to answer unto Josias Thompson of a plea of trespass upon the case &c. Hereof 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 thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine —

Issued the 17th day of September 1799. (S.H.) Jno Gwinn clk

And the aforesaid Josias Thompson by his attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid writ filed in court here the following declaration a copy whereof was made and sent with the said writ to the Sheriff of the county aforesaid to wit. Western Shore State of Maryland Baltimore county ss William Hafpard late of Baltimore county yeoman was attached to answer unto Josias Thompson of a plea of trespass upon the case &c. And whereupon the said Josias by James Winchester his attorney complains that whereas the said William on the twentieth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine to wit at the county aforesaid was indebted unto the said Josias in the sum of five hundred pounds current money of Maryland for the work, labour, care and diligence of the said Josias as a carpenter, by him the said Josias before that time done performed and bestowed in and about the business of the said William and for the said William at his special instance and request: and also for divers materials and other necessary things found provided used and applied by the said Josias on that occasion, at the like special instance & request of the said William, and being so indebted he the said William in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the same day and year aforesaid at the county aforesaid undertook and faithfully promised the said Josias to pay him the said sum of money when he the said William should be thereto afterwards requested. And whereas afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the county aforesaid in consideration that the said Josias at the like special instance and request of the said William had before that time done performed and bestowed other his work and labour care and diligence in & about the

business of the said William for the said William: and had also at the like request of the said William found, provided used and applied divers other materials and other necessary things in and about the said business he the said William then and there undertook and faithfully promised the said Josias to pay him so much money as he therefore reasonably deserved to have for the same, when he the said William should be thereto afterwards requested: and the said Josias doth aver that he reasonably deserved to have for the same other five hundred pounds of like current money aforesaid whereof the said William afterwards to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid there had notice. Nevertheless the said William not regarding his said promises and undertakings but contriving and fraudulently intending craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the said Josias hath not as yet paid the aforesaid several sums of money or any part thereof to the said Josias (altho so to do the said William was requested by the said Josias afterwards to wit on the day and year afs.d and often afterwards to wit at the county aforesaid. but to do this the s.d William hath altogether refused and the said William still refuses so to do to the damage of the said Josias one thousand pounds like current money, and therefore he brings suit &c.

J. Winchester pltffs attorney

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 Josias Thompson by James Winchester his attorney aforesaid: and the sheriff of Baltimore county aforesaid, to wit Cornelius W. Gist Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the court here thus endorsed to wit.

"Cepi copy served 19th deptl Bail piece and power to W.M

Cornelius W. Gist Shff.

And the said William Hafpard by William McMechen his attorney appears in court here, and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Josias Thompson by his attorney aforesaid. It is ruled by the court here that the said William Hafpard give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said William Hafpard by his attorney aforesaid files in court here the following bail piece viz

Josias Thompson —— against —— William Hafpard

You William J. Alcock and John Hafpard do jointly and severally —

acknowledge