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 come into the general Court here, the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans by Richard Key Watts their attorney aforesaid: and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel county aforesaid to wit John Welch Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. N. Est John Welch Shff

Afterwards to wit on the fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine the said Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans by their attorney aforesaid, again send 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 Anne Arundel county Greeting. You are hereby commanded to take Jonathan Sellman Junr late of Anne Arundel county Gentleman otherwise called Jonathan Sellman of Anne Arundel county in the State of Maryland Gentleman 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 Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans of a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of five hundred and forty three pounds twelve shillings and four pence current money which to them he owes and from them 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 and ninety nine.

Issued the fifth day of December 1799. (R.K.W.) Jno. Gwinn Clk.

A copy of which aforegoing Declaration and cópy 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 last aforegoing writ come again into the general court here the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans by Richard Key Watts their attorney aforesaid: and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel county aforesaid to wit John Welch Gentleman to whom the said last aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the court here thus endorsed to wit

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And the said John Welch Sheriff of the county aforesaid altho' being called upon to bring into court the body of the said Jonathan Sellman Junior according to his return of the writ aforesaid, brings him not in. It is therefore ruled by the court here that the said John Welch Sheriff of the county aforesaid be amerced the debt aforesaid, and also all such costs and charges as have or may accrue in the premises aforesaid, in case he hath not the body of him the said Jonathan Sellman Junior before the Judges of our next General Court here the second tuesday of October next, the same day is given to the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans 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 come again into the general court here as well the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans by their attorney aforesaid, as the said John Welch Sheriff of the county aforesaid: and the said John Welch Sheriff as aforesaid being again solemnly called upon to bring into court the body of him the said Jonathan Sellman Junior whom this day he ought to have here in compliance with the writ aforesaid and to save the amerciament aforesaid, him the said Jonathan Sellman Junior brings in. Thereupon it is ordered by the court here that the amerciament aforesaid be struck out. And the said Jonathan Sellman Junior by Richard Hall Harwood his attorney aforesaid appears in court here, and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans by their attorney aforesd. It is ruled by the court here that the said Jonathan Sellman Junior give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid: whereupon a certain Samuel Watkins of Anne Arundel county Gentleman present here in court in his proper person with the consent of the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely & Joseph Evans by their attorney aforesaid undertakes for the said Jonathan Sellman Junior that in case the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans shall recover Judgment against the said Jonathan Sellman Junior in the plea aforesaid or that the said Jonathan Sellman Junior shall be therein legally convicted that then the said Jonathan Sellman Junior shall pay the condemnation of the court thereupon or render his body to the custody of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel county in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Samuel Watkins will do the same for him. And the said Jonathan Sellman Junior by his attorney aforesaid, comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans their action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not and so forth, because he saith that he the said Jonathan Sellman Junior did pay unto the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans 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 Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans their action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth. And the aforesaid Absalom Ridgely and

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