of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next to answer unto Mary Diggs of Walter Story Chandler of a plea that he render unto her the full and just sum of thirteen hundred and sixty pounds which to her he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. 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 6th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine

Issued the 19th day of February 1800. W.K.) John Swann clk

And the aforesaid Mary Diggs assignee as aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid on the day of the issuing of the aforesaid writ filed in court here the following Declaration and oyer of bond a copy whereof was made and sent with the said writ to the sheriff of the county aforesaid to wit.

Western shore of Maryland Prince George county to wit. William Ferguson late of Prince George county planter otherwise called William Ferguson of Prince George County and State of Maryland, was summoned to answer unto Mary Diggs assignee of Walter Story Chandler of a plea that he render unto her the full and just sum of thirteen hundred and sixty pounds which to her he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Mary Diggs by William Tilly her attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid William Ferguson on the twenty seventh day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight at Prince George county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Mary Diggs assignee of Walter Story Chandler in the aforesaid sum of current money to be paid to her the said Mary Diggs when afterwards he the said William Ferguson should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid William Ferguson although often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of current money to her the said Mary Diggs hath not rendered or paid but the same to her the said Mary Diggs hath not rendered or paid but the same to her the said Mary Diggs to render or pay the said William Ferguson hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore the said Mary Diggs saith she is the worse and hath damage to the value of fifteen hundred pounds current money and therefore she brings suit and so forth. and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid William Ferguson which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

William Tilly for the plaintiff pledges &c. { John Doe and Richard Roe

And the said William Ferguson by his attorney comes and defends

the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid; and the condition thereof, and they are read unto him in the words following to wit. Know all men by these presents that we Richard Ponsonby Joseph Boone and William Ferguson of Prince George county and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Mary Diggs Assignee of Walter Story Chandler in the full and just sum of thirteen hundred and sixty pounds current money, to be paid to the said Mary Diggs assignee as aforesaid, her certain attorney executors, administrators or assigns To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty seventh day of July anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight. Whereas the above named Mary Diggs Assignee as aforesaid hath obtained Judgment in the General Court for the Western Shore of the State of Maryland at May term seventeen hundred and ninety eight against Richard Ponsonby for the sum of six hundred and seventy pounds current money debt and quantity of nine hundred and thirty seven pounds of tobacco costs of suit: To be released on payment of three hundred and thirty five pounds current money with Interest thereon from the thirtieth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety five and costs, from which said Judgment the said Richard Ponsonby is about to sue out the State of Maryland's writ of error Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Richard Ponsonby shall not pursue the directions of the Act of Assembly "Entitled An Act for the regulating writs of Error and granting appeals to and from the courts of common law within this Province at the next Court of Appeals and prosecute the same with effect and also satisfy and pay unto the said Mary Diggs Assignee as aforesaid her heirs executors administrators or assigns in case the said Judgment shall be affirmed as well all and singular the debt damages and costs adjudged by the General Court aforesaid as also all costs and damages that shall be awarded by the Court of Appeals aforesaid then this obligation to be and remain in full force and virtue otherwise of no effect.

Rich.d Ponsonby (seal) Jo: Boone (seal) William Ferguson (seal)

Signed sealed & Delivered in the presence of Wash.t M. Craig Truman Brashears

True copy. Test. Samuel Harvey Howard Reg. Cur. Cur.

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 comes into the General Court here the aforesaid Mary Diggs Assignee as aforesaid by William Tilly her attorney aforesaid: and the Sheriff of Prince George county aforesaid to wit. Nothy Maddox 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 left Mar. 20th" N. Maddox Shff

And the said William Ferguson by Philip B. Key his attorney comes and

defends