georges county planter otherwise called William Ferguson late of Prince georges county planter (otherwise called William Ferguson of Prince georges county 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 to answer unto Walter Story Chandler in a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of two hundred and seventy seven pounds ten shillings current money which to him he owes and 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 25th. day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

Issued the 4th day of April 1800. (P.B.K.) Jno. Quinn clk

And the aforesaid Walter Story Chandler by his 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 State of Maryland. Prince georges county to wit, William Ferguson late of Prince georges county planter otherwise called William Ferguson of Prince georges county and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Walter Story Chandler in a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and seventy seven pounds ten shillings current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Walter by Philip Barton Key his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid William on the first day of August in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one at the county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Walter in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and seventy seven pounds ten shillings current money, to be paid to him the said Walter when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid William (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred and seventy seven pounds ten shillings current money to him the said Walter hath not rendered or paid, but the same or any part thereof to him hitherto to render or pay hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore the said Walter saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of four hundred pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid William which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth

Philip B. Key for pltff. pledges &c. ..... John Doe and Richard Roe

Oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid &c.

Know all men by these presents that William Ferguson, Edward Pearce and Walter Quinn of Prince georges county and State of Maryland Planters are held and firmly bound unto Walter Story Chandler of said county and State in the full and just sum of two hundred and seventy seven pounds ten shillings specie current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Walter Story Chandler his certain attorney his heirs 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 in and for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound William Ferguson, Edward Pearce and Walter Quinn, their heirs executors or administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Walter Story Chandler his certain attorney his heirs executors administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of one hundred and thirty eight pounds fifteen shillings specie current money of Maryland with legal Interest for the same from the date hereof till paid, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law

Signed sealed, acknowledged and delivered in presence of
Richd. Ponsonby M. Deakins

William Ferguson (seal)
Edward Pearce (seal)
Walter Quinn (seal)

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 Walter Story Chandler by Philip Barton Key his attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Prince georges county aforesaid to wit, Notley 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 18th April Bpo. by power to (J.T.M.) N. Maddox Shff."

And the said William Ferguson by John T. Mason his attorney appears in court here. And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Walter Story Chandler by his attorney aforesaid. It is ruled by the court here that the said William Ferguson give special bail to the action aforesaid in the plea aforesaid. Whereupon the said William Ferguson by his attorney aforesaid files in court here the following Bail piece to wit

Walter Story Chandler plaintiff against William Ferguson defendant

You Walter Quinn and Josiah Ray do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said William Ferguson at the suit of the said Walter Story Chandler in an action of debt brought by the said Walter Story Chandler against the said William Ferguson in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this ninth day of May 1800

Before Corn. Coningham Amariah Frost.