A Copy of which said Declaration and oyer were made and sent with the said writ which issued in the plea aforesaid — thereon endorsed to be served on the Defendant with the writ or left at his last place of abode at least twenty days before the return thereof for plea or Judgment the first Court. —

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 and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber by his Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, to wit, Cornelius H 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 21st. July Bail piece and power to Z H & J J.

Cornelius H. Gist Shff.

And the said Caleb Hall by John Scott Zebulon Hollingsworth and John Johnson his Attorneys appears in Court here, and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Caleb Hall give special bail in the plea aforesaid, Whereupon the said — Caleb Hall by his Attorneys aforesaid files in Court here a certain Bail piece and which being approved of by the Court here is in form following, to wit, —

Abraham Van Bibber against Caleb Hall	You John Hall and Benjamin Spencer do jointly and seperally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for Caleb Hall at the suit of Abraham Van Bibber in

an Action of a plea of Debt &c. to forth, brought by the said Abraham Van Bibber, against the said Caleb Hall, in the General Court for the Western Shore, to be held in the City of Annapolis, the second — Tuesday in October next, they acknowledge themselves content therewith this 13th. day of August Eighteen Hundred. —

Acknowledged before Owen Dorsey, Wm. Russell.

I Caleb Hall empower, authorise and appoint Zebulon — Hollingsworth & John Johnson Esquires to appear for me in the above Action. Given under my hand and Seal this 13th. day of — August Eighteen hundred. —

Witness Owen Dorsey. Caleb Hall (Seal)

To the Hon. the Judges of the General Court. —

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber by his Attorney, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Caleb Hall answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said Caleb Hall by his Attorneys — aforesaid defends the force and injury when and &c. forth, and prays — leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber in the plea aforesaid; and to him it is granted the same day is given to the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber also. —

At which said second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, to which said day the said Caleb Hall had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Caleb Hall by his Attorneys aforesaid; — And the said Caleb Hall by his Attorneys aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and &c. forth and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and also of the Condition thereof and to him they are read, which being read and heard the said Caleb Hall says that the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not and &c. forth, because he saith that he the said Caleb Hall did pay unto the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber the said sum of Current 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 Abraham Van Bibber his action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and &c. forth.

And the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber by his Attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said Caleb Hall above in pleading alledged from having and maintaining his Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the said Caleb Hall did not pay unto him the aforesaid Abraham Van Bibber the aforesaid Sum of money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in manner and form as the said Caleb Hall above by pleading hath alledged, and this he prays may be enquired