this eighth day May one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Alexander I Smoot and John Maddox do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Francis Lowndes his certain Attorney his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full Sum of ninety nine pounds sixteen shillings and one penny half penny on or before the first of October next with Interest thereon from the twenty sixth of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety six till paid then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and Vertue.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of the words on or before the first day of October next was interlined before signed Thomas Dent

Alex. I Smoot (Seal)

Jno. Maddox (Seal)

At which mentioned 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 Francis Lowndes by his Attorney aforesaid: And the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, to wit, Thomas A Dyson Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Cepi Copy left 25th August Thomas A Dyson Shff

And the said John Maddox by John Campbell his Attorney appears in Court here, and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Francis Lowndes by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said John Maddox give Special bail to the Action aforesaid; Whereupon the said John Maddox by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit,

Francis Lowndes as John Maddox	Debt £199. 12. 3 Current Money. You Burford Bartlett and Robert Brown do jointly and Severally acknowledge yourselves Special bail for the said John Maddox at the suit of the said Francis Lowndes in an Action of Debt brought by the said Francis Lowndes against the said John Maddox in the General Court They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this twenty sixth day of August Eighteen hundred.

Before Wm. H. McPherson Jos. Green

(To)

To the Honble The Judges of the General Court.

Sir You will please to appear for me in the above suit.

John Campbell Esq. Attorney at Law Jno. Maddox.

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Francis Lowndes by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said John Maddox answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Francis Lowndes in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; And the said John Maddox by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and 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 Francis Lowndes in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid Francis Lowndes 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 John Maddox had leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Francis Lowndes in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Francis Lowndes by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said John Maddox by his Attorney aforesaid, And the said John Maddox by his Attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the aforesaid Francis Lowndes his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not and so forth, because he saith that he the said John Maddox did pay unto the aforesaid Francis Lowndes 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 Francis Lowndes his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and &c.

And the aforesaid Francis Lowndes by his Attorney aforesaid saith that he by any thing by the said John Maddox above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded because he saith that the said John Maddox did not pay unto him the aforesaid Francis Lowndes the aforesaid Sum of Money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the interest thereon in such manner and form as the said John Maddox above by pleading hath alledged, and this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and the said John Maddox in like manner and so forth. Therefore let a

(Jury)