this day in pursuance of the command of the Writ aforesaid, and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid, brings not into Court here the said John Brent, Brent, but therein doth make default; Whereupon on motion of the aforesaid William Hodgson by his Attornies aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Thomas Andrew Dyson Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, be amerced the said sum of Twelve hundred and thirty six pounds two Shillings and eleven pence Current Money of Maryland, the debt aforesaid, in the declaration of the aforesaid William Hodgson, in the plea aforesaid, and the costs and charges that have accrued, or may accrue, in the plea aforesaid in case he brings not into Court here the body of the said John Brent on the second Tuesday of May next; and the same day is given to the aforesaid William Hodgson also.

At which said second Tuesday of May, being the twelfth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, comes again into the General Court here the aforesaid William Hodgson by his Attornies aforesaid, And the said Thomas Andrew Dyson Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid, in pursuance of the command of the Writ aforesaid, and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid, and in compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid, and to save the amerciament aforesaid, brings into Court here the body of the said John Brent, Whereupon it is ruled by the Court here, that the rule and amerciament aforesaid be discharged and stricken out; And thereupon, on motion of the aforesaid William Hodgson by his Attornies aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said John Brent give special bail in the plea aforesaid; Whereupon certain Thomas Andrew Dyson, and William Dent Harrison of Charles County Gentleman, present here in Court in their proper person, and (with the consent of the aforesaid William Hodgson by his Attornies aforesaid) undertake for the said John Brent that in case the aforesaid William Hodgson shall recover Judgment against the said John Brent in the plea aforesaid, or that the said John Brent shall be therein legally convict, that then the said John Brent shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereupon, or render his body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Charles County in satisfaction thereof, or that they the said Thomas Andrew Dyson and William Dent Harrison will do the same for him; And the said John Brent by Henry Henley Chapman his

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Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when, and so forth; and says, that the aforesaid William Hodgson his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not and so forth, because he says that there is no such Record of the said Judgment and recovery by the aforesaid William Hodgson against him the said John Brent of the Debt, damages, costs and charges aforesaid in the declaration aforesaid above mentioned now remaining in the Borough of Norfolk in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the aforesaid William Hodgson by his said declaration doth suppose; and this he the said John Brent is ready to verify; wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid William Hodgson ought to have or maintain his said Action against him the said John Brent &c.

And the said John Brent with the leave of the Court here for that purpose first had and obtained according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided further defends the force and injury when and so forth, and says that the aforesaid William Hodgson ought not to have or maintain his said action against him the said John Brent, because he says, that after the recovery of the Judgment aforesaid in the declaration aforesaid above mentioned and before the issuing of the original Writ in this Cause, to wit, on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, he the said John Brent paid to the aforesaid William Hodgson the said sums of Nine hundred and eighty six pounds ten Shillings and two pence half penny current money of Virginia and Eight dollars and two Cents in full satisfaction and discharge of the Judgment aforesaid in the said declaration above mentioned, to wit, at the Borough of Norfolk, in the common wealth of Virginia aforesaid, which said sums of Nine hundred and eighty six pounds ten Shillings and two pence half penny Current money of Virginia and Eight dollars and two Cents the aforesaid William Hodgson then and there received and accepted in full satisfaction and discharge of the Judgment aforesaid; and this he the said John Brent is ready to verify; wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid William Hodgson his action aforesaid thereof against him the said John Brent to have or maintain ought &c.

And the aforesaid William Hodgson by his Attornies aforesaid, says that he by any thing by the said John Brent in his plea above alledged from having and maintaining his Action aforesaid thereof against him the said John Brent to be precluded ought not, because he says, that

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