this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and vertue.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of Wm. McGuire Jonathan Smith } Elizabeth Stockton (Seal)

For a valuable consideration to me paid in hand I do assign over the within Bond to William Deahins Junr. (Geo. Town) or order as witness my hand and seal this 13th. Febr. 1798.

Test. Wm. Thompson William his + mark Elsey (Seal)

Whereupon the said Sheriff being called upon to bring into Court the said Elizabeth Stockton according to the tenor of his return of the writ aforesaid brings here not in but makes default. Whereupon it is considered by the Justices here that the said Abner Ritchie Esq. Sheriff be amerced as well the debt aforesaid in the declaration aforesaid mentioned as all costs and charges unless he have the body of the said Elizabeth Stockton here at the next Court to answer to the declaration of the said William Elsey in the plea aforesaid the same day is given to the said William Elsey here and so forth; and now here at this day to wit the third Monday of November in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine comes here the said William Elsey by his attorney aforesaid and the said Sheriff being called to bring into Court the said Elizabeth Stockton according to the tenor of his return aforesaid brings her in, whereupon at the prayer of the said William Elsey by his attorney aforesaid the said Elizabeth Stockton is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid whereupon the said Elizabeth Stockton by Arthur Shaaff her attorney files in Court the the following bail piece to wit.

William Elsey Plaintiff against Elizabeth Stockton Defendant	You Frederick Steiner and William Scott do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Elizabeth Stockton at the suit of the said William Elsey in an action of debt brought by the said William Elsey against the said Elizabeth Stockton in the Frederick County Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fifteenth day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Before G. Kennedy.

To the Honorable the Judges of Frederick County Court.

Whereupon it is ordered by the Justices here that the said Sheriff

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of and from the amerciament aforesaid be altogether acquit and discharge and the said Elizabeth Stockton by her said Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and produces to the Court non here the following Writ of Habeas Corpus to wit, The State of Maryland &c, To the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Frederick County Court, and the Sheriff of the said County Greeting. Whereas a certain Elizabeth Stockton is detained in the prison of the said County, under the custody of you the said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain William Elsey in a plea of Debt and so forth, which said plea as it is said, still depends before you the said Justices, undetermined; and the General Court being willing for divers causes, that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid, should be heard and determined before the said General Court, therefore you are hereby commanded, that you have the body of of the said Elizabeth Stockton by whatsoever name or names she may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of her caption and detention, and all things thereunto relating before the said General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of May next, that the said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains, and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Jeremiah Townley Chase Esquire Chief Judge of the said General Court, the Eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Issued the 13th. day of November 1799. Jno. Gwinn Clk.

Whereupon it is ordered that the Record of the proceedings in the Action aforesaid be transmitted accordingly Test Wm. Ritchie Clk.

Seal of Frederick Co. Court.

In Testimony that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Record in the plea aforesaid I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Public Seal of the said Court.

William Ritchie Clerk
Frederick County Court.

And now comes into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid William Elsey by Daniel Clarke and John Thomson Mason his Attornies as the said Elizabeth Stockton by Arthur Shaaff and Luther Martin her Attornies; And thereupon, on motion of the aforesaid William Elsey by his Attornies aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said Elizabeth

(Stockton)