leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday of May next and to him it is granted the same day is given to the aforesaid Richard Tilghman 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 Tench Ringgold had leave to imparle comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Richard Tilghman by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Tench Ringgold by his Attorneys aforesaid; And whereupon on motion of the aforesaid Richard Tilghman by his attorney aforesaid. It is ruled by the Court here that the said Tench Ringgold answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Richard Tilghman in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof

And the said Tench Ringgold by his Attornies aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and soforth and prays further leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next, and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Richard Tilghman in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted the same day is given to the aforesaid Richard Tilghman also.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one to which said day the said Tench Ringgold had further leave to imparle and then to answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Richard Tilghman in the plea aforesaid; comes again into the General Court here as well the said Richard Tilghman by his attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid Tench Ringgold by his attornies aforesaid; And the said Tench Ringgold by his attornies aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath them in the words following to wit.

Know all men by these presents that we Samuel Ringgold of Washington County, Tench Ringgold of Montgomery County and Thomas Ringgold of Baltimore County

County are held and firmly bound unto Richard Tilghman 4th in the full and just sum of twelve hundred pounds current money to be paid to the said Richard Tilghman 4th his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these sealed with our seals and dated this 22d day of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight, Whereas the above named Richard Tilghman hath obtained Judgment in the General Court for the Western shore of the State of Maryland at September Term seventeen hundred and ninety six against the above bound Thomas Ringgold for the sum of £425 Current money with Interest from 17th May 1796 till paid and costs from which said Judgment the said Thomas Ringgold is about to appeal Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Ringgold shall not pursue the direction of the Act of Assembly entitled An act for regulating writs of Error and granting Appeals from and to the Courts of Common Law within this province" at the next Court of Appeals and prosecute the same with effect and also satisfy and pay unto the said Richard Tilghman his Executors Administrators or Assigns in case the said Judgment shall be affirmed as well all and singular the debt damages and Costs adjudged by the General Court aforesaid as also all Costs and damages that shall be awarded by the Court of Appeals aforesaid then this obligation to be and remain in full force and virtue otherwise of no effect.

Which being read and heard the said Tench Ringgold saith that the aforesaid Richard Tilghman his action aforesaid thereof against him the said Tench Ringgold to have or maintain ought not because he says that the said Thomas Ringgold in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned from the time of making the said writing obligatory hath well and truly observed performed fulfilled and kept all and singular the matters and things in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned and Contained which the said Thomas Ringgold according to the Condition aforesaid ought to have observed performed fulfilled and kept to wit, at the County aforesaid and this he the said Tench Ringgold is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid Richard