At which aforesaid second Tuesday in April came the aforesaid Lord Proprietary by Thomas Jennings his Attorney and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid made return of the Writ aforesaid in these Words following to wit Cepi Corpus. John Hamilton Sheriff

And the aforesaid Lord Proprietary by Thomas Jennings his Attorney aforesaid offers himself in the Plea aforesaid against the aforesaid William Porter and complains in manner and form following to wit.

Maryland Cecil County to wit William Porter late of Cecil County Planter otherwise called William Porter of Cecil County was summoned to answer unto us in a Plea That he render unto us the full and just sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds Sterling Money &c which to us he owes and unjustly Detains and so forth.

And Whereupon Thomas Jennings Esquire Attorney General of the said Lord Proprietary that now is in this part prosecuteth saith That whereas the aforesaid William Porter on the third Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy at Cecil County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory with the Seal of him the said William Porter sealed and to the Court now here shewn the Date whereof is &c the Day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province in the aforesaid Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds Sterling Money to be paid to the said Lord Proprietary when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aforesaid William Porter although often thereunto required the aforesaid Sum of Money to the said late Lord Proprietary or to the said Lord Proprietary that now is to pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said Lord Proprietary that now is in the sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds aforesaid whereupon the aforesaid Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary that now is brings Suit and so forth.

Thos. Jennings Attorney General. Pledges and so forth { John Doe. and Richard Roe.

And the aforesaid William Porter by James Millson his Attorney came and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and prayed an hearing of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he had them as follow to wit.

Maryland ss. Know all Men by these Presents that We Robert Porter Junr. William Porter James Porter and Samuel Gillispie all of Cecil County in said Province are held and firmly bound unto The Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province in the full and just sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds Sterling Money to be paid to his said Lordships his Heirs and Successors To which Payment well and truly to be &c made and done We bind our selves and every of us our and every of our Heirs Executors and Administrators in the whole and for the whole jointly and severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this third day of May in the Twentieth year of his said Lordships Dominion and so forth Annoque Domini 1770.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Robert Porter Junr. and William Porter Administrators of all and singular the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits of John Kirkpatrick late of Cecil County deceased with a Copy of said Deceased Will annexed do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits which were of the Deceased at the time of his Death according to Law appraised

in Money together with a List of the Debts Sperate and Desperate and the same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the Office for Probate of Wills and so forth later before the third day of August next and the same Goods Chattels and Credits do well and truly Administer to wit to Pay the Debts of the said Deceased which he did owe at the time of his Decease as also all such reasonable Charges and Fees as have arisen or shall arise or become due to any his Lordships Officers and others from the said Robert and William Porter on the Account of the said Deceased or his Estate so far forth as the said Goods and Chattels and Credits will extend and the Law will &c Charge and further Do Make or cause to be made a true and just account of and upon their said Administration within Twelve Months from the Day of their Admittance to such Administration and such Parcel or Portion of the said Estate as shall be found remaining upon such Account Examined and Adjudged by the Judge appointed for the Time being for Probate of Wills and to Distribute and Dispose according to Law and the true Intent and meaning of the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased And lastly Do at all and every Time and Times hereafter clearly discharge and save harmless his said Lordships his Judges and all other his Officers and Ministers from all Persons having or pretending to have any Right Title or Interest to the said Goods and Chattels That then this Obligation to be void and of no Effect or else to stand and remain and be in full force Power and Virtue in Law.

Robert Porter L.S.
William Porter L.S.
James Porter L.S.
Sam.l Gillispie. L.S.

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of us.

Which being Read and heard The aforesaid William Porter by his Attorney aforesaid prayed Liberty of Imparling thereof here until the second Tuesday in September next and he had it the same day was given to the aforesaid Lord Proprietary and so forth

At which aforesaid second Tuesday in September came the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid William Porter by his Attorney aforesaid prayed further Liberty of Imparling thereof here until the second Tuesday in April next and he had it the same Day was given to the aforesaid Lord Proprietary and so forth.

At which aforesaid second Tuesday in April Seventeen hundred and seventy five came the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid And the aforesaid William Porter by his Attorney aforesaid prayed further Liberty of Imparling thereof here until the second Tuesday in September next and he had it the same day was given to the aforesaid Lord Proprietary and so forth.

At which aforesaid second Tuesday in September Seventeen hundred and seventy five came the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid And thereupon the Process between the Parties aforesaid was continued here from the aforesaid second Tuesday in September in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five until the second Tuesday in April Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy eight according to the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland in such case made and Provided

At which aforesaid second Tuesday in April Seventeen hundred and seventy Eight came the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid And the aforesaid William Porter by his Attorney aforesaid prayed further Liberty of Imparling thereof here until the second Tuesday in September next and he had it the same day was given unto the aforesaid Lord Proprietary and so forth.