At which aforesaid second Tuesday in September Seventeen hundred and seventy Eight &c cometh the aforesaid Lord Proprietary by his Attorney aforesaid And the aforesaid Lord Proprietary by his Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the aforesaid William Porter to the Declaration of him the same Lord Proprietary may Answer. And the aforesaid William Porter although Solemnly called cometh not nor to the Declaration aforesaid of him the same Lord Proprietary doth answer but maketh Default.

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the aforesaid Lord Proprietary his Damages by occasion of the Premisses against the aforesaid William Porter ought to recover But because it is not known what Damages the aforesaid Lord Proprietary hath sustained by occasion of the Premisses. Therefore and so forth.

James Earle Clk.

Lord Proprietary a William Porter } The State of Maryland ss. Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take William Porter late of Cecil County Planter otherwise called William Porter of Cecil County if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he should have his Body before the Justices of the Provincial Court held at Annapolis the second Tuesday in April then next to answer unto him in a Plea that he should render unto him the just and full Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds Sterling Money which to him he owed and unjustly detained and so forth And that he should not thereof fail at his Peril And that he should have then and there this Writ Witness William Hayward Esquire Chief Judge of said Court this Twenty fifth day of October Anno Domini 1773.

R Ghislin Clk.

Issued the fifteenth Day of March 1774.

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 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 aft. 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 &c with the Seal of him the said William Porter sealed and to the Court now here shewn the Date whereof is 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. } John Doe and Richard Roe Pledges and so forth.

Thos. Jennings Attorney General

And the aforesaid William Porter by James Wilson his Attorney came and &c 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 Gillespie 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 Lordship his Heirs and Successors To which Payment well and truly to be made and done We bind ourselves 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 &c 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 at or 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 &c the Law will 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 Lordship 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.)
William Porter (L.)
James Porter (L.)
Sam. Gillespie (L.)

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of Us ...

Which being Read and heard The aforesaid William Porter by his Attorney aforesaid