ensues in the following words and figures to wit: Know all men by these presents, that I Malachi Ambrose of Maryland State, am held and firmly bound unto Allen M.Lane of Duck Creek and Delaware State, in the just and lawfull sum of One thousand, three hundred and eighty eight pounds, eighteen shillings and one penny specie (that is Gold Coin at the same weight and value as is set forth by a late act of General Assembly of Delaware State aforesd.): To which payment well and truly to be made and done unto the said Allen M.Lane his Heirs, Executors, Admrs and assigns, I bind myself my heirs, executors, Admrs and assigns and every of them firmly by these presents, as witness my hand and seal this second day of February Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty four. 1784. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Malachy Ambrose his heirs, excors, admrs or any of them do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Allen M.Lane his Heirs, Executors, Admrs or assigns the just and full sum of six hundred and ninety four pounds, nine shillings such like money as aforesd and that at or before the first day of September next ensuing the date hereof (with lawfull Interest for the same from this date) then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to stand and remain in full force and virtue in Law. — Malachi Ambrose (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of
Richt. O'Neall. Thomas Shallington

On the back of the aforegoing Bond, were the following Indorsements, to wit: I do hereby assign over unto John Brown and Sons all my right property and Interest in the within Bond. Witness my hand this 3d April 1784.
Witness. John Holt. Allen M.Lane.

We do hereby assign over unto John Rees all our right, title & Interest in the within Bond. Witness our hands. —
April 7th 1784. John Brown & Sons
Witness James Rice —

and the aforesaid Malachi Ambrose by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury, when and so forth: and prayed leave to imparl thereto until the second Tuesday of September next; and it was granted unto him: and the same day was given to the aforesaid Allen M.Lane, and so forth. —

At which said second tuesday of September Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty six, came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid; and the aforesaid Allen M.Lane by his attorney aforesaid, prayed that a rule of Court be made for the aforesaid Malachi Ambrose to file his plea, and answer to the Declaration aforesaid, of him the aforesaid Allen M.Lane at the next April Term; and it was granted unto him: Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said Parties, and their attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thence was continued, until the second Tuesday of April next following. —

And now here at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of April, Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, come again here, the parties aforesaid, by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said Malachi Ambrose by his attorney aforesaid, defendeth the force and injury when and so forth: (as before) and saith that he cannot gainsay the action afsd. of the aforesaid Allen M.Lane, so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the Deed of him the said Malachi Ambrose, nor but that he owes to the aforesaid Allen M.Lane the aforesaid sum of One thousand, three hundred and eighty eight pounds, eighteen shillings and one penny specie, in manner and form aforesaid, so as the aforesaid Allen M.Lane above against him hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Allen M.Lane do recover against the said Malachi Ambrose his Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid acknowledged: As also the quantity of six hundred and fifty seven pounds of Tobacco, as well for his Damages which he hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that debt, as for his Cost and Charges by him about his Suit, in this behalf expended unto the same Allen M.Lane by the Court here with his assent adjudged ff: And the said Malachi Ambrose in mercy ff. —

James Earle Clk.