of April then next; to answer unto Daniel Skinner of a plea that they render to him four hundred and ninety one pounds, fourteen shillings current money of Maryland, which from him they unjustly detain and hitherto. And that thereof he the said Sheriff was not to fail at his peril, and that he should have then and there that writ &c. At which said second Tuesday of April, Anno Domini, being the day of the return of the aforesaid Writ, seventeen hundred and eighty seven, came the said Daniel Skinner by William Hayward his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Talbot County to whom the aforesaid Writ was directed, likewise came and made return of the same writ thereon thus endorsed, to wit. "Cepi. Christiana Skinner. Non Est. Stevens. Daniel P. Cox. Shff." A duplicate of the aforesaid Writ was made and sent to the Sheriff of Dorchester County, who made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit. "Stevens. Cepi. Thos. Locherman Shff." And the said Christiana Skinner and Robertson Stevens Administrators of Richard Skinner as aforesaid, came into Court by Nicholas Hammond their Attorney: And the said Daniel Skinner by his Attorney aforesaid; affirmed his Declaration in in the Plea aft. in manner & form following, to wit.

Talbot County ss. Christiana Skinner late of Talbot County Widow, and Robertson Stevens late of Dorchester County Gentleman, Administratrix and Administrator of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits which were of Richard Skinner of Talbot County Planter who died intestate; were summoned to answer unto Daniel Skinner of a plea that they render to him four hundred and ninety one pounds, fourteen shillings current money of Maryland which from him they unjustly detain hitherto.

And whereupon the said Daniel Skinner by William Hayward his Attorney saith that whereas the said Richard in his life time, to wit, on the twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty five, at Talbot County afd. by his certain writing Obligatory which the said Daniel with the seal of the said Richard sealed, here into Court doth bring, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Daniel in the said sum of four hundred and ninety one pound fourteen shillings; to be paid to the said Daniel when he the said

Richard should be thereto afterwards requested: Nevertheless the said Richard in his life time, and the said Christiana and Robertson after the death of the said Richard altho' often requested the said sum of four hundred and ninety one pounds, fourteen shillings unto the said Daniel have not paid nor hath either of them, the same to the said Daniel paid, or him for the same in any part contented: But the same to the said Daniel to pay, the said Richard in his life time, and the said Christiana and Robertson after the death of the said Richard intirely refused, and the same to the said Daniel to pay the said Christiana and Robertson still do, and each of them doth refuse and unjustly detain: whereupon the said Daniel saith he is injured and hath damage to the value of Two hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and therefore he brings suit &c. Hitherto. Wm. Hayward for the Plff. Pledges of Prosf. J. Doe p. Rich.d Roe.

The writing Obligatory mentioned in the above Declaration ensues in the following words, to wit.

Know all Men by these presents that I Richard Skinner of Talbot County Planter, am held and firmly bound unto Daniel Skinner in the full and just sum of Four Hundred and ninety one pounds fourteen shillings current money of the State of Maryland; to be paid to the said Daniel Skinner his Executors, Administrators or Assigns firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal and dated this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred and eighty five. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Richard Skinner his Heirs, Executors or Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Daniel Skinner his Executors, Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of Two hundred and forty five pounds, seventeen shillings current money of Maryland, with legal Interest thereon from the date hereof: then the above Obligation to be void otherwise of force and virtue in Law.

Sealed and delivered
in presence of. Andw. Skinner } Richard Skinner (Seal)
Richard Skinner Junr.

On the back of the Original Bond, was the following endorsement, to wit.

March 16th 1787. Then came Daniel Skinner the within named Obligee before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace for Caroline County in the State of Maryland and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that no part of the principal money or Interest thereof in the within Obligation mentioned hath been paid nor any thing else given or delivered towards satisfaction thereof.

Th. Downes.