remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of } Wm Brown (Seal)
Wm Stoops } P Lawson (Seal)

Copies of the aforegoing Declaration and Bond were made and sent with the Writ aft.

At which said second Tuesday of April being the day of the return of the writ aforesaid came the said John Stoops by his Attorney aforesaid, and Archabald Job Sheriff of Cecil County, to whom the said Writ was directed likewise came; and made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit; "Cepi Corpora Archd Job Shff: And the said William Brown came here into Court in his proper Person and Peter Lawson also came by William Tilghman his Attorney and thereupon the said William Brown and Peter Lawson at the prayer of the said John Stoops were ruled to give Special Bail in the Plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said Peter Lawson by his Attorney aforesaid affiled the following Bail Piece, to wit;

John Stoops } Debt — General Court Eastern Shore of Maryland.
a } You Edward Oldham & John Ward Veazey do jointly &
William Brown & } severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said
Peter Lawson — } Peter Lawson at the Suit of John Stoops in an Action of Debt brought
— — — — — — — — — by the said John Stoops against William Brown & the said
Peter Lawson in the General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland —
They acknowledge themselves to be Content therewith this 14th Day of March Anno Domini 1787.

Before
Sidney George
Patrick Ewing

To the Honorable
The Judges of the General Court.

I do hereby appoint William Tilghman Esq. my Attorney to appear for me in the above Suit —
P Lawson

And it was asked by the Court here of the same William Brown if he some sufficient Pledge and Manucastor could find who in the Court here for him the said William Brown would undertake that if it should happen that Judgment by the Court here for the said John Stoops in the plea aforesaid against the said William Brown should be rendered then the same Pledge and Manucastor shall grant that the Debt aforesaid, and all such Damages, Costs and Charges which unto the same John Stoops in this part should by the Court here be adjudged of his Lands & Chattels, should be made and to the use of the said John Stoops levied if it should happen that the same William Brown the said Debt Damages Costs and Charges unto the said John Stoops should not pay, or his body in Execution of such Judgment to the Public Prison of Cecil County aforesaid, by that occasion should not render: And the said William

Brown said that he could not. Therefore the same William Brown at the prayer of the said John Stoops, for want of some sufficient Manucastor in this behalf was committed to the custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid then Present there to remain untill &c. Thereupon day was given as well to the said John Stoops as to the said William Brown and Peter Lawson by the Court here untill the second Tuesday in September then next following At which day to wit; the said second Tuesday in September here came again as well the said John Stoops as the said William Brown and Peter Lawson by their Attorneys aft. and Peter Lawson and the said John Stoops by his Attorney aforesaid prayed that the said William Brown to his Declaration aforesaid might answer whereupon it was ruled by the Court at the prayer of the said John Stoops that the said William Brown and Peter Lawson should answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said John Stoops by the second Tuesday of April then next and it was said to the said William Brown and Peter Lawson that if they did not answer to the Declaration aforesaid by the time aforesaid Judgment should be rendered against them by Default; The same day was given to the said John Stoops there &c.

And now here at this day, to wit; the said second tuesday in April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the said John Stoops as the said William Brown and Peter Lawson by their Attorneys aforesaid Nevertheless the said William Brown and Peter Lawson by their Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment above by them pretended say's that they cannot Deny the Action aforesaid of him the said John Stoops so as aforesaid against them brought nor but that the writing Obligatory is the Deed of them the said William Brown and Peter Lawson, nor but that they owe to him the said John Stoops the sum of six hundred pounds current money in manner and form as the said John Stoops above against them hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said John Stoops do recover against the said William Brown and Peter Lawson the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged; as also the Quantity of seven hundred and sixteen pounds of Tobacco as well for his Damages which he hath sustained by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt as for his costs and charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and Expended with his Assent adjudged &c. And the said William Brown and Peter Lawson in Mercy &c.

James Earle Clk.

Judgment was confessed in the above Action on the fifteenth day of April Anno Domini 1788 for Penalty and costs: Penalty to be released on payment of Principal Interest and Costs with a Stay of Execution till September Term then next payments if any to be allowed. —