to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse where-
fore he saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the Value of fifty pounds current
money a/s.d and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the
Writing Obligatory a/s.d Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid William Gale which the
Defd a/s.d in form a/s.d Witnesseth the date whereof is the same day and year
a/s.d and so forth Pere: Letherbury for the Plff Pledges & so forth John Doe & Rich-
ard Roe — Oyer of the writing Obligatory here followeth.

State of Maryland } Know all men by these presents that we William Gale &
Kent County. } Rasin Gale Junr. both of said County are Jointly and sev-
erally bound unto Thomas Bowers of said County in the full and just sum of four
hundred and forty six pounds and six pence current money to be be paid to the said
Thomas Bowers his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns To the which pay-
ment well and truly to be made and done we do bind ourselves our Heirs Executors &
Admor.s Jointly and severally by these presents sealed with our Seals and Dated this
seventh day of January seventeen hundred & eighty four.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden
William Gale his Heirs Exe.rs or Admor.s do and shall well and truly pay or cause
to be paid unto the a/s.d Thomas Bowers his certain Attorney Heirs Executors Ad-
mor.s or Assigns the full and just sum of two hundred and twenty three pounds
seven at or upon the first day of January next ensuing the Date hereof with legal
Interest from that day then this Obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise
to remain in full force and virtue in Law. And the a/s.d William Gale by Tho-
mas Beddingfield (Hands his Attorney comes and defends the force and in-
jury when and so forth and prayed Liberty of Imparling thereof here to the Action
a/s.d untill the monday before the third Tuesday of June next & he had it the same
day was given the aforesaid Thomas here and so forth. At which said Monday
before the third Tuesday of June seventeen hundred and eighty six came again the
parties a/s.d by their Attorneys aforesaid and the a/s.d William Gale by his Attor-
ney a/s.d prayed further liberty of Imparling thereof here to the action a/s.d untill
the monday before the third Tuesday of October next and he had it the same day
was given the a/s.d Thomas here and so forth At which said Monday before
the third Tuesday of October seventeen hundred and eighty six came again the parties
a/s.d by their Attorneys a/s.d and the a/s.d William by his Attorney a/s.d prayed
liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action a/s.d untill the Monday before the

third Tuesday of March next and he had it the same day was given the a/s.d Thomas here
and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and
eighty seven the a/s.d William Gale by his Attorney a/s.d here into Court doth come and alledges to
the same Court that the Action a/s.d so as a/s.d depending between the said Thomas Bowers Plaintiff
and him the said William Gale Defendant is by habeas corpus removed to the General Court to be
held at Talbot County Court House for the Eastern Shore of this State on the second Tuesday of April
next of all which the said Court for the County of Kent hath legal notice by Habeas Corpus amongst
the Proceedings of the same Court filed and allowed —

In Testimony that the above is a true Copy of the proceedings in the
Action a/s.d I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Public seal of
Kent County a/s.d this 27th. day of March 1787. Ben Chambers Cler.k

And the Sheriff of the County a/s.d came and also made return that he had then and there the
body of the said Defendant agreable to the exigence of the same Writ: And the action came here
into Court as well the said Thomas Bowers by Perigune Letherbury his Attorney as the said Wil-
liam Gale by his Attorney a/s.d and the said William Gale by his Attorney a/s.d defended the force
and injury when and so forth and prayed liberty of imparling therein until the second Tuesday of
September then next and it was granted unto him, the same day was given to the said Thomas
Bowers there and so forth. — At which said second Tuesday of September here came
again as well the said Thomas Bowers as the said William Gale by their Attornies a/s.d
and the said Thomas Bowers by his Attorney a/s.d prayed that a rule of Court might be made
for the said William Gale to file his plea and or answer to the Declaration of him the said Tho-
mas Bowers by the second Tuesday of April next; and it was granted unto him: Whereupon it
was said to the said William Gale that if he answered not to the Declaration a/s.d by the time a/s.d
Judgment should be ordered against him by Default The same day was given to the said
Thomas Bowers then &c.

And now here at this day, to wit; the said second Tuesday in April se-
venteen hundred and eighty eight here come again as well the said Thomas Bowers as the said
William Gale by their Attornies a/s.d and the said William Gale by his Attorney a/s.d defends the
force and injury when and so forth and saith that he cannot deny the Action a/s.d of him
the said Thomas Bowers so as a/s.d against him brought; nor but that the writing Obligatory
is the Deed of him the said William Gale; nor but that he owes to him the sum of four hun-
dred and forty six pounds and six pence current money in manner and form as the said
Thomas Bowers above against him hath Complained —