Attorney; and thereupon at the prayer of the said John Voorhees, the said William Semans was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said William Semans by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Bail Piece, to wit, "John Voorhees Plaintiff a William Semans Defendt. You Robert Clother & James Tibbett do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said William Semans at the suit of the said John Voorhees in an Action of Debt brought by the said John Voorhees against the said William Semans in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this seventh day of April 1788. Before us William Grundage John Thomas —

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court.

I hereby empower Samuel Earle an Attorney of the General Court, to appear for me in the above action. Witness my hand the seventh day of April 1788.

William Semans.

And thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid, with consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aft. and by order of the Court here thereon, was continued until the second Tuesday of September then next following. — At which said second Tuesday of September, in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty eight came again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said John Voorhees by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here his Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said William Semans which ensues as follows, to wit.

Kent County Sc. William Semans late of Kent County farmer, was summoned to answer unto John Voorhees of a plea that he render unto him One thousand and thirty five pounds, nineteen shillings and six pence current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c —

And whereupon the said John Voorhees by William Tilghman his Attorney saith that whereas the said William Semans, on the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, at the County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory with his Seal sealed & to the Court here shewn the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John in the aforesaid sum of One thousand & thirty five pounds, nineteen shillings & six pence, to be paid, the said John when thereto afterwards he should be required yet the said William altho' often required the aforesaid sum of money, the said John hath not paid but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said John One hundred pounds current money

aforesaid & thereupon he brings suit &c —

W. Tilghman Pledges John Doe & Richard Roe —

And the said William Semans by his Attorney aforesaid defended the wrong & injury when and so forth, and prayed the liberty of imparling therein until the second Tuesday of April then next following; and it was granted unto him; The same day was given to the said John Voorhees then and so forth.

And now here at this day, to wit, The second tuesday of April in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty nine, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said John Voorhees by his Attorney, aforesaid, files in Court here the writing obligatory mentioned in the declaration aforesaid of him the said John, which ensues as follows, to wit. "Know all men by these presents that we Gilbert Semans and William Semans of Kent County, in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto John Voorhees of the County and State aforesaid Merchant, in the just and full sum of One thousand and thirty five pounds Nineteen shillings and six pence in gold or silver at their passing value, to be paid to the said John Voorhees or to his certain Attorney his Heirs Executors, Administrators or Assigns To which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally for and in the whole sum firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this fourteenth day of March 1787. Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Seven. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Gilbert Semans and William Semans or their Heirs Executors or Administrators or either of them do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named John Voorhees or to his certain Attorney his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of Five hundred and Nineteen Shillings and Nine pence in Gold or Silver as aforesaid with lawful Interest thereon without fraud or further delay then the above obligation to be void and of none effect or else to be and remain in full force and Virtue in Law. —

Gilbert Semans (Seal)

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Sarah Semans John Ireland. — William Semans Senior (Seal)

And the said William Semans by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid of him the said John Voorhees so as aforesaid against him brought, nor can he deny but that he owes to him the said John Voorhees the aforesaid sum