The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting; Whereas a certain Aquila Allix is detained in the Prison of our said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Richard Peacock of a plea of Debt which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined and we being willing, for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid shall be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court, Therefore we Command you that you have the body of the said Aquila Allix by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of his Caption and Detention, and all things thereunto relating, before the Judges of the General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Talbot County, Court House the second Tuesday of April next that the Judges of our said Court may further proceed therein as to justice appertains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your Peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.r Chief Judge of our said Court this twenty eighth day of September Anno Domini 1787.

Issued the 20th day of February 1788. James Earle Clk

At which said second Tuesday of April, in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, aforesaid in compliance with the same writ made return thereof to the Court here with the following record annexed to wit. — The execution of the above writ appears by the following Proceedings The answer of John Scott, James Claypoole, Richard Graves, John Woodland Donaldson Gales, John Page, John Thomas, James Henry, Jeremiah Nichols William Grindage & Richard Hynson, Justices of the Peace for Kent County and George Hanson high sheriff of the same County. We John Scott, James Claypoole Richard Graves, John Woodland Donaldson Gales, John Page, John Thomas James Henry Jeremiah Nicols William Grindage and Richard Hynson Justices as aforesaid and George Hanson High Sheriff To the honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland Certify that Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County, on the monday before the third Tuesday of June Seventeen hundred and eighty seven that he should take Aquilla Allix late of Kent County, Planter otherwise called Aquilla Allix of Kent County, in the State of Delaware if he

should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County, on the monday before the third Tuesday of October next to answer unto Richard Peacock of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of Two hundred and Sixteen pounds six shillings Current Money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of October Seventeen hundred and Eighty seven, came the aforesd. Richard Peacock by Peuquine Lethenbury his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County, also came and made return of the writ aforesd. to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows, to wit, Non est Geo Hanson

And the aforesaid Richard Peacock by his Attorney aforesaid offered himself against him in the plea aforesaid and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit: Aquilla Allix late of Kent County, Planter otherwise called Aquilla Allix of Kent County, in the State of Delaware was summoned to answer unto Richard Peacock of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of Two hundred & sixteen pounds, six shillings current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Richard Peacock by Peuquine Lethenbury his Attorney saith that whereas the said Aquilla Allix on the twentieth day of August in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty seven at Kent County, aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Richard Peacock in the aforesd. sum of Two hundred and sixteen pounds six shillings current money, to be paid to the said Richard when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Aquilla Allix (tho.ugh often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Two hundred and sixteen pounds, six shillings Current money, to the said Richard hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the value of Three hundred pounds current money aforesd. and therefore he brings suit & so forth. And brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid dated with the seal of the aforesaid Aquilla Allix which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid Peu: Lethenbury for the Plff. pledges &c. — Jno. Doe & Richd. Roe —

Copy of the writing obligatory aforesaid & Condition here followeth —