void, or else to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of — Cuthbert Hall (Seal)
John Maxwell Robert Maxwell Junr. — Isaiah Mafsy (Seal)

Thereupon Richard Withered of the same County, farmer in his proper person here into Court did come and became Pledge and Security for the said Cuthbert Hall that if it should happen to the said Cuthbert to be convict in the plea afsd that then the same Security granted as well the debt afsd as all the damages costs and charges which the same James Black should be adjudged in the plea afsd of the goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements of the same Richard to be made and for the use of the same James to be levied if it should happen that the said Cuthbert Hall the debt and damages cost and charges of the same James in the Plea afsd should not pay or himself into the custody of the Sheriff of Kent County, on that occasion render, And the afsd Cuthbert Hall by Turbutt Wright his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the action afsd untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of June next and he had it the same day was given the afsd James here and so forth. At which said Monday before the third tuesday of June seventeen hundred and eighty seven came again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys afs. and the afs. Cuthbert by his Attorney afsd prayed further liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action afs. untill the Monday before the third tuesday of October next & he had it the same day was given the afs. James here and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of October seventeen hundred and eighty seven came again the Parties afs. by their Attorneys afs. and the afs. Cuthbert by his Attorney afs. prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action afs. untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of March next and he had it the same day was given the afsd James here and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty eight the afs. Cuthbert Hall by his Attorney afs. here into Court doth come and alledges to the same Court that the Action aforesaid so as afsd depending between the afs. James Black Plaintiff and him the said Cuthbert Hall 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 afsd I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the Public seal of Kent County afsd this twenty fourth day of March One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight. (Seal)

Ben. Chambers Clk. K. Co.y —

And the Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid came and also made return that he had then and there the body of the said Cuthbert Hall agreable to the mandate of the same writ; and thereupon came here into Court as well the said James Black as the said Cuthbert Hall by their Attorneys afsd, and the said Cuthbert Hall by his Attorney afsd defended the wrong and injury when and so forth and prayed the liberty of imparling therein until the second Tuesday of September, and it was granted unto him: The same day was given to the said James Black then and so forth — At which said second Tuesday of September, in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty eight here came again the Parties afsd by their Attorneys, whereupon at the prayer of the said James Blake it was ruled by the Court here, that the said Cuthbert Hall should file his plea and answer to the Declaration of the said James Black by the second Tuesday of April next, or that Judgment should be rendered against him by default. The same day was given to the said James Black then and so forth —

And now here at this day, to wit: the said second Tuesday of April in year Seventeen hundred and eighty nine, come again the Parties afsd by their Attorneys aforesaid; and the said Cuthbert Hall by his Attorney afsd defends the wrong and injury when and so forth, and says that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid of the said James Black, nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the deed of him the said Cuthbert Hall, nor but that he owes to the said James the aforesaid sum of One hundred and seven Pounds fifteen shillings and eightpence current money, in manner and form as the said James above against him hath complained. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said James Black do recover against the said Cuthbert Hall the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, as also the quantity of seven hundred and ninety seven 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 expended. Unto the said James Black by the Court here