eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid 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 Yeates John Page John Thomas, James Henry Jeremiah Nicols 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 Yeates, John Page, John Thomas James Henry Jeremiah Nicols, William Grindage and Richard Hynson Justices of the peace as afd 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 October Seventeen hundred and eighty six, that he should take Philip Drugan and William Daugherty late of Kent County Planter if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their bodies 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 March next, to answer unto William Embleton of a plea that they render unto him the sum of fifty pounds current money which to him they owe and unjustly detain & so forth —

At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty seven came the afd William Embleton by Peregrine Lethbury his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ afd to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows, to wit Cepi Philip Non Est: William George Hanson Shff. And now here to wit, the same day & year last aforesaid the afd William Embleton by his Attorney afd offered himself against the said Philip Drugan & William Daugherty, in the plea afd and complained thereof against them in the following words, to wit. Philip Drugan and William Daugherty late of Kent County Planters were summoned to answer unto William Embleton of a plea that he render unto him the sum of fifty pounds current money which to him they owe and unjustly detain and so forth — And whereupon the said William by Peregrine Lethbury his Attorney saith that whereas the afd Philip and William on the tenth day of December in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty five at Kent County aforesaid by their certain writing obligatory

acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said William in the afd sum of fifty pounds current money to be paid to the said William when afterwards they should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the afd Philip and William (altho often thereunto required) the afd sum of fifty pounds current money to the said William have not rendered or paid but the same to him hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused and still do refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of twenty pounds current money afd and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory afd sealed with the seals of the said Philip & William which the debt afd in form afd witneseth the date whereof is the day and year afd and so forth — Per: Lethbury for the Pltff. Pledges &c so forth John Doe & Richard Roe — Copy of the writing obligatory here followeth — "We or either of us jointly or severally promise to pay to William Embleton the sum of fifty pounds current money for value received as witness our hands and seals this tenth day of December 1785.

In Presence of us — Philip Drugan (Seal) — Edward Crew, James Moore — William Daugherty (Seal)

Thereupon George Rasin of the same County Farmer in his proper person here into Court did come and became pledge and security for the said Philip Drugan & William Daugherty that if it should happen to the said Philip & William to be convict in the plea afd that then the security granted as well the Debt afd as all the Damages Costs and charges which the said William Embleton should be adjudged in the plea afd of the goods and chattles Lands & Tenements of the said George Rasin to be made and for the use of the same William to be levied if it should happen that the said Philip & William the debt and damages cost and charges of the said William Embleton in the plea afd should not pay or himself into the ~~custody of the~~ Sheriff of Kent County, on that occasion render. And the afd Philip and William by Thomas Bedingfield Hands their Attorney come and defend the force and injury when and so forth, and pray liberty of imparling thereof here to the action afd until the monday before the third tuesday of June next and they had it the same day was given the afd William here and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of June Seventeen hundred and eighty seven came again the parties afd by their Attorneys afd and the afd Philip and William by their Attorney afd prayed further liberty