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 Yates, John Page, John Thomas, James Henry, Jeremiah Nicols William Grindage & Richard Hynson, Justices as afs and George Hanson high Sheriff of the same county, 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 Josiah Johnson late of Kent County Planter 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 March next to answer unto Aquilla Attix of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and thirty one pounds eleven shillings current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and eighty seven came the afs Aquilla Attix by his Attorney Peregrine Letherbury and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ afs. to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows to wit Geo Hanson Shff. Thereupon William Pearce W.m & Edward Apsley of the same County farmers in their Proper Person into Court did come and became Pledge & Security for the afs Josiah Johnson that if it should so happen to the said Josiah to be convicted in the plea afs that then the same Security granted as well the Debt afs as all the damages Cost & charges which to the same Aquilla Attix in the plea afs should be adjudged, of the Goods & Chattles Lands & Tenements of the same William Pearce & Edward Apsley to be made & levied, if it should happen, that the said Josiah Johnson the Debt & Damages Cost & Charges of the same Aquilla Attix in the plea afs. should not pay or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County on that occasion render. — And the afs Aquilla by his Attorney afs. offered himself against him in the plea afs. and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit. Josiah Johnson late of Kent County Planter was summoned to answer unto Aquilla Attix of a plea that he render unto him the sum of One hundred and thirty one pounds eleven shillings current Money, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth —

And whereupon the said Aquilla Attix by Peregrine Letherbury his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Josiah Johnson on the sixth day of April in the year seventeen hundred & eighty five at Kent County afs. by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged

himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Aquilla Attix in the afs sum of one hundred & thirty one pounds eleven shillings current money, to be paid to the said Aquilla Attix when afterwards he should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the afs Josiah Johnson (at the often thereunto required) the afs sum of one hundred and thirty one pounds eleven shillings current money to the said Aquilla Attix 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 forty pounds current money afs. & therefore he brings suit & so forth. and brings here into Court the writing obligatory afs. sealed with the seal of the afs Josiah Johnson which the Debt afs. in form afs witnesseth the date whereof is the day & year afs & so forth.

Pne: Letherbury for the Plff. Pledges &c Jn.o Doe and Rich.d Roe —

Oyer of the writing Obligatory and Condition here as follows viz.)

Know all men by these presents that I Josiah Johnson of Kent County in the State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Aquilla Attix of Kent County in the State of Delaware in the full and just sum of one hundred and thirty one pounds eleven shillings Specie to be paid to the said Aquilla Attix or to his certain Attorney Heirs Executors Adm.rs or Assigns, to the which payment well & truly to be made & done I do bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal & dated this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty five.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Josiah Johnson his Heirs Exec.rs Adm.rs or any of them shall do well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Aquilla Attix or to his certain Attorney, Exec.rs Adm.rs or Assigns the full & just sum of sixty five pounds eleven shillings like Money with Interest from the date on or before the first day of October next without any fraud or delay, then this Obligation to be void & of none effect or else to remain in full force & virtue in Law —

And the afs. Josiah Johnson by Tilbutt Wright his Attorney comes and defends the force & injury when and so forth & prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the action afs. untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of June next, and he had it the same day was given the afs Aquilla Attix here and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of June seventeen hundred and eighty seven came again the parties afs. by their Attorneys afs. and the afs Josiah by his Attorney afs defends the force & injury when and so forth, and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the action afs. untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of October next and he had it the same day was given the afs. Aquilla 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 Josiah by his Attorney afs. defends the force & injury when