of the same County — We John Scott, James Claypoole, Richard Graves John Woodland, Donaldson Yates John Page, John Thomas, James Henry Jeremiah Nicols and William Grindage Justices as aforesaid and George Hanson high Sheriff to the honourable 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 Reed late of Kent County Executor of the Testament and last will of Samuel Reed late of Kent County deceased otherwise called Samuel Reed of Kent County & province of Maryland Farmer if he should be found in his bailiwick & 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 Benjamin Morgan and William Slubey in a plea that he render unto them the sum of four hundred pounds Current Money which from them he unjustly detains and so forth, At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and eighty seven came the aſd. Benjamin Morgan & William Slubey by Perguine Lethrbury their Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ aſd to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows, to wit Cepi Geo: Hanson Shff:"

And the aſd Benjamin and William by their Attorney aſd offered themselves against the said Philip in the plea aſd and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit. Philip Reed late of Kent County Executor of the Testament and last will of Samuel Reed late of Kent County deceased otherwise called Samuel Reed of Kent County and province of Maryland Farmer, was summoned to answer unto Benjamin Morgan and William Slubey in a plea that he render unto them the sum of four hundred pounds Current Money which from them he unjustly detains and so forth — And whereupon the said Benjamin Morgan & William Slubey by Perguine Lethrbury their Attorney say that whereas the said Samuel Reed on the eighteenth day of March One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine at Kent County aſd by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Benjamin Morgan and William Slubey in the aſd sum of four hundred pounds Current Money to be paid to the said Benjamin Morgan and William Slubey when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aſd

Samuel Reed in his life time nor the aſd Philip since the death of him the said Samuel Reed (altho' often thereunto required the aſd sum of four hundred pounds current money or any part thereof to them the said Benjamin Morgan and William Slubey hath not rendered or paid but the same to them hitherto to render or pay he the said Samuel Reed in his life time hath altogether refused and the said Philip Reed still doth refuse to the damage of them the said Benjamin Morgan and William Slubey in the sum of four hundred pounds current money and therefore they bring suit and so forth. and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aſd sealed with the seal of the aſd. Samuel Reed which the Deft aſd. in form aſd witnesseth the date whereof is the same day and year aſd and so forth.

Pre: Lethrbury for the Pltff. Pledges &c John Doe & Richard Roe —

Copy of the writing obligatory aſd and the condition thereof here follows —

Know all men by these presents that we Joel Willis and Samuel Reed both of Kent County and province of Maryland Farmers are held & firmly bound unto Benjamin Morgan & William Slubey Merchants and Copartners in the sum of four hundred pounds lawfull money to be paid to the said Benjamin Morgan & William Slubey their or either of their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators and each of them firmly by these Presents sealed with our seals dated the eighteenth day of March One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Joel Willis and Samuel Reed their Heirs Executors Administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Benjamin Morgan and William Slubey their or either of their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of two hundred pounds Current Money on the first day of May next with legal Interest for the same and that without any fraud or further delay then the above obligation to be void or else to be and remain in full force and virtue —

Joel Willis (Seal)

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Philip Brooks } Samuel Reed (Seal)

On the back was the following Probate. 10th Jany 1787. Came William Slubey before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for Kent County and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he hath not (to his knowledge) received any part or parcel or any thing in Security or Satisfaction either directly or indirectly of the within Bond Sworn before James Claypoole —