Debt, which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices unde-
termined, 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 Bodies of the said John Ruth
and James Ruth by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the plea
aforesaid together with the cause of their 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 Esqr. chief Judge of
our said Court this twenty eighth day of September Anno Domini 1787 —
Issued the 20th. Febuary 1788. (Sd.) James Earle Clk.

Queen Ann's County to wit, I hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Transcript of
(Seal of Q. Ann's Court) the proceedings of Queen Ann's County Court in the cause aforesaid:
In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my Hand and affixed the Seal of
Queen Ann's County Court aforesaid this fourth day of April in the year fourteen
hundred and eighty eight Ed Tam Wright Clk. of Queen Ann's County Court.

And the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County aforesaid came and also made return that
he had then and there the bodies of the said Defendants agreeable to the exigence
of the writ aforesaid: And thereupon came here into Court as well the said James
Gould by Turbutt Wright his Attorney as the said John Ruth & James Ruth by
Peregrine Letherbury their Attorney aforesaid: whereupon further proceeds of and
upon the premises between the parties aforesaid, with consent of the said parties &
their Attorneys a/d, and by order of the Court here thereon was continued until
the second Tuesday of September then next following —

At which said second Tuesday of September, in the year One thousand seven
hundred and eighty eight, here came again the aforesaid Parties by their Attorneys
aforesaid, and the said James Gould by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here
his Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said John Ruth and James Ruth
which issues as follows, to wit. "Queen Ann's County, to wit. John Ruth and
James Ruth, late of Queen Ann's County, otherwise called John Ruth and James Ruth
of Queen Ann's County were summoned to answer unto James Gould of a plea that
they render unto him the sum of seven hundred and seventeen pounds sixteen
shillings and one penny specie which to him they owe & unjustly detain & so forth —

And whereupon the a/d James Gould, by Turbutt Wright his Attorney saith that
whereas the a/d John Ruth and James Ruth on the eighteenth day of June in the year
of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County a/d by their certain
writing obligatory had granted themselves to be held and firmly bound unto him the
said James Gould in the a/d sum of seven hundred & seventeen pounds sixteen shillings
& one penny current money to be paid unto the said James Gould when afterwards they
should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the a/d John Ruth & James Ruth altho' often
thereunto required the a/d sum of seven hundred & seventeen pounds sixteen shil-
lings & one penny money a/d to him the said James Gould have not nor either
either of them rendered or paid but the same to him to render or pay they have
altogether refused and still do refuse wherefore the said James Gould saith he is the
worse & hath Damage to the value of seven hundred & seventeen pounds sixteen
shillings & one penny current money & therefore he bringeth suit & so forth. And he
bringeth here into Court the writing obligatory a/d which the debt a/d in form
a/d testifies the Date of which is the same day & year a/d. — Pledges &c. — { In. Doe, Rich. Roe

Turbutt Wright for Plff.

The Writing obligatory mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration issues as follows, to wit.
Know all men by these presents that we John Ruth (Merchant) and James Ruth
(Farmer) both of Queen Ann's County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound
unto James Gould of the County and State aforesaid in the full and just Sum of Seven
hundred and Seventeen pounds Sixteen shillings and one penny (Specie that is to say Spanish
Milled Dollars at Seven shillings and six pence and half Joannises at three pounds) to be
paid unto the said James Gould his certain Attorney his Heirs, Executors, Administra-
tors or Assigns, which payment well and truly to be made and done, we do hereby
bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally firmly
by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this eighteenth day of June in the
year of our Lord, Seventeen hundred and eighty five — (The Condition of the
above obligation is such that if the above bound John Ruth and James Ruth their
Heirs, Executors or Administrators, do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be
paid unto the above named James Gould his certain attorney, his Heirs Executors
Administrators or Assigns the full and just Sum of Three hundred and fifty eight
pounds eighteen shillings and one half penny current money as above with legal
Interest thereon on or before the the twenty fifth day of August Seventeen hundred and
eighty six. Then the above obligation to be void otherwise to stand and remain