for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court House the second Tuesday of April next, to answer unto Job Slacum of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of three hundred and thirty Pounds ten shillings and three pence which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth —
And that he the said Sheriff should not fail thereof at his peril and that he should have then and there that writ Witness &c so forth —

At which said second Tuesday in April, in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforesaid writ here came into Court the said Job Slacum, by Gustavus Scott his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County aforesaid to whom the same writ was directed likewise came and made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit. "Lecpi Ja O'Bryan Shff D. Mcoty." whereupon came here into Court the said James Clayland by James Holliday his Attorney, and the said James Clayland by his Attorney aforesaid affiled the following Bail Piece to wit; Job Slacum Plaintiff against James Clayland Defendant } Now Thomas Smyth Junr. and Richard Emory do jointly, and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said James Clayland at the suit of the said Job Slacum, in an action of Debt brought by the said Job Slacum against the said James Clayland in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this ninth day of April Seventeen hundred and eighty eight, before John Brown.
To the honourable the Judges of the General Court —
I hereby appoint James Holliday Esqr. my Attorney to appear for me in the above suit — Ja. Clayland —
And thereupon the Process of and upon the premises between the parties aforesaid, with the Consent of the said Parties and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here therein, 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 Job Slacum by his Attorney aft affiled his Declaration in the Plea aforesaid against the said James Clayland which issues in manner and form following, to wit — 'Queen Ann's County to wit James Clayland late of Queen Ann's Gentleman, otherwise called Ja. Clayland of Queen Ann's County was summoned to answer unto Job Slacum of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of three hundred and thirty pounds, ten shillings

and three pence, which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth. — And whereupon the said Job Slacum by Gustavus Scott his Attorney saith that the aforesaid James Clayland on the twenty fourth day of November in the year seven hundred and eighty three at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Job Slacum in the aforesaid sum of three hundred and thirty pounds ten shillings and three pence Current money, to be paid to the said Job Slacum when afterwards he should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the said James Clayland (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of three hundred and thirty pounds ten shillings & three pence Current Money, to the said Job Slacum hath not paid as said, 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 six hundred pounds current money aforesaid, and therefore he brings suit, and so forth; And brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid: Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid James Clayland which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, witnesseth the Date whereof is the Day and year aforesaid, and so forth.
G. Scott for the Plaintiff. Pledges and so forth John Doe and Richard Roe —"
The writing obligatory mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration ensues, as follows, to wit,
'Queen Ann's County, S.t. Know all men by these presents that I James Clayland of the County aff.d am held and firmly bound unto Job Slacum of Dorset County, in the full and just sum of Three hundred and thirty pounds Ten shillings and three pence to the which Payment well and truly to be made and performed, I bind my self my Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly, by these presents Sealed with my seal and dated the twenty fourth day of November One thousand seven hundred and eighty three. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden James Clayland his certain Attorney Heirs Executors, Administrators or Assigns shall do well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the above named Job Slacum his Heirs or Assigns the full and just sum of One hundred and sixty five Pounds five shillings and a penny half penny on or before the first day of December Anno Domini 1784. with legal Interest for the same then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in Law.
Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of } Ja.s Clayland (Seal)
as Jno. Haines. Seth Clayland. }
Whereupon at the prayer of the said Job, it was ruled by the Court here that the said