eight here come again the said Parties by their Attorneys afs: Whereupon at the prayer of the said John Bush by his Attorney afs it was ruled by the Court here that the said Robert Martin should file his Plea and answer to the Declaration of the said John Bush by the second Tuesday of April then next or that Judgment should be rendered against the said Robert Martin by default; the same day was given to the said John Bush then and so forth —

And now here at this day to wit, the said Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty nine, come again the said Parties by their Attorneys afs, and the said Robert Martin by his Attorney afs affiles his Plea in answer to the Declaration afs the tenor whereof follows, to wit —

John Bush
a
Robert Martin Junr. } Debt £558.. 0.. 0. And the same Robert by Gustavus Scott his Attorney comes and defends the force & injury when &c. & prays oyer of the writing obligatory aforesaid & it is read to him in the words following to wit (as above) which being read and heard he also prays oyer of the Condition thereof which is read to him in the words following to wit — (see above) — which being read and heard the same Robert says, that the same John ought not to have or maintain his Action aforesaid thereof against him because he says that he the same Robert did pay to him the same John the said sum of two hundred & seventy nine pounds lawful money of Maryland on the said first day of December which was in the year One thousand Seven hundred and eighty six, which he to the same John on the same day ought to have paid according to the form and effect of the said Condition of the writing Obligatory aforesaid, to wit at Talbot County afs And this he is ready to verify: Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said John ought to have or maintain his Action aforesaid against him the said Robert &c.

Gustus Scott for the Defdt.

Nevertheless the said Robert Martin by his Attorney afs relinquishing the averment above in pleading by him alledged, says that he cannot gainsay the action of the said John Bush so as against him brought, nor can he deny but that the writing Obligatory afs is the deed of him the said Robert Martin, nor but that he owes to the said John Bush the afs sum of five hundred and fifty eight pounds current money of Maryland, in manner and form as the said John against him hath declared: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said John Bush do recover against the said Robert Martin the Debt afs in form afs acknowledged; as also the Quantity of Seven hundred and thirty three pounds and two fifths of a pound of Tobacco, as well for his Damages which he hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for

his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended: Unto the said John Bush by the Court here with his assent adjudged & so forth — And the said Robert Martin in mercy &c. so forth. — James Earle Clk. —

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the eighteenth day of April Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and eighty nine, for Penalty and Costs; to be released on the payment of the Principal, Interest and Costs. Payments if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till September Term next. —

Samuel Keene
against
Arthur Clark

Be it remembered that on the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty eight, command was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County that he should take Arthur Clark late of Talbot County Blacksmith if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body 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 then next, to answer unto the Rev.d Doctor Samuel Keene of a Plea that he render unto him one hundred and ninety four Pounds nine Shillings and Two pence current money, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his Peril, and that he should have then and there that writ — At which said second Tuesday of April in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforesaid writ here came the said Samuel Keene by Robert Goldsborough his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Talbot County afs likewise came and made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit, "Cepi Dan.l P. Cox Shff" whereupon the said Sheriff of Talbot County afs being solemnly called upon to bring into Court here the body of the said Arthur Clark according to his return of the writ afs did not bring in the same but therein made default: Wherefore it was ruled by the Court here that the said Sheriff should be amerced, forfeit and pay to the State of Maryland the Sum of Five Shillings and eight pence Current Money of Maryland unless he should have the body of him the said Arthur Clark before the Judges of the Court here on the Second Tuesday of September then next following: The same day was given to the said Samuel Keene then &c. so forth —

At which said Second Tuesday of September in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty eight, here came again the said Samuel Keene, by his Attorney afs, and the said Sheriff being again solemnly called called upon to bring into Court here the body of the said Arthur Clark accordingly brought in the same, And the said Arthur Clark put in his