Robert Anderson & Co. } Be it remembered that on the twenty fourth day of
ads. } February Seventeen hundred and eighty nine command
Richard Ricaud. } was given to the Sheriff of Kent County that he should take
Richard Ricaud 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 Judges of our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State in Talbot County at the Court House in the same County the second Tuesday of April then next, to answer unto Robert Anderson, Hugh Lennox and Thomas Ewing of a plea that he render unto them the Sum of two hundred and twenty four pounds seven Shillings and eight pence Specie which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril & that he should have then & there that writ & so forth. —

And the said Robert Anderson & Co. by Peregrine Lethbury their Attorney filed their Declaration in the plea afs against the said Richard Ricaud, which ensues in manner & form following, to wit,

"Eastern Shore of Maryland — } Richard Ricaud late of Kent County Planter was attached
General Court Kent County, to wit } to answer unto Robert Anderson, Hugh Lennox and Thomas Ewing, of a plea that he render unto them the Sum of Two hundred and twenty four pounds seven Shillings and eight pence Specie which to them he owes & unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Robert Anderson, Hugh Lennox and Thomas Ewing by Pere: Lethbury their Attorney complain that whereas the afd Richard Ricaud on the sixteenth day of June in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty seven, at Kent County afd. by his certain writing obligatory sealed with the Seal of the said Richard and to the Court now here shewn, the date whereof is the same day and year acknowledged himself to be bound to the said Robert Anderson, Hugh Lennox and Thomas Ewing by the name of Robert Anderson & Co. in the said Sum of Two hundred and twenty four pounds Seven Shillings and eight pence, to be paid to the said Robert, Hugh & Thomas when he the said Richard should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the said Richard altho' often required, hath not yet paid the said sum of Two hundred and twenty four pounds Seven Shillings & eight pence to the said Robert Hugh & Thomas, but hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same to them, to their Damage of Twenty pounds, and therefore they bring suit and so forth. Pere: Lethebury pro Plffs. John Doe & Richard Roe Pledges &c."

The writing Obligatory mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration ensues in manner & form following, to wit,

"Know all men by these presents that I Richard Ricaud of Kent County and State of Maryland Planter, am held and firmly bound unto Robert Anderson & Co. of the County & State aforesaid Merchants, in the Sum of Two hundred and twenty four pounds Seven Shillings and eight pence Specie to be paid to the said Robert Anderson & Co. their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns To which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself my Heirs, Executors and Administrators and each of them jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal and dated this sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty seven. The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Richard Ricaud his Heirs Executors. Administrators or any of them shall and do well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Robert Anderson & Co. their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just sum of one hundred and twelve pounds three Shillings and ten pence in Gold or Silver or the value of that sum in Country Produce at the hard money market price without any fraud or further delay, then the above obligation to be void, or else to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Donald McQueen. Richard Ricaud (Seal)

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, being the day of the return of the afd writ, came the said Robert Anderson & Co. in proper person, and the Sheriff of Kent County afd to whom the said writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit. "Lepi, Edwd. Worrell Shff." And the said Richard Ricaud by Peregrine Lethebury his Attorney comes here into Court, and the said Richard by his said Attorney defends the wrong & injury when and so forth, and says that he cannot gainsay the Action afd of the said Robert Anderson & Co., nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory afd is the deed of him the said Richard, nor but that he owes to them the said Robert Anderson & Co. the afd Sum of Two hundred & Twenty four pounds seven shillings and eight pence current money in manner and form as the said Robert Anderson & Co. above against him hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the afd Robert Anderson & Co. do recover against the said Richard Ricaud the Debt afd in form afd acknowledged, as also the quantity of four hundred & fifty two pounds and three fifths of a pound of Tobacco, as well for their Damages which they have sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt as for their Costs & Charges by them about their suit in this behalf expended: Unto the said Robert Anderson & Co. by the Court here adjudged &c. And the s. Richard Ricaud in mercy &c. James Earle Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 4th day of May Anno Domini 1789. To be released on payment of Principal Interest & Costs. Stay of Execution till April Term next —