Henry to make and for the use of the said John to bind itself should happen that the said Philip and George the debt and damages Cost and Charges of the same John in the plea aforesaid should that pay or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County in that Behalfe made and the aforesaid Philip and George by Turbutt Wright their attorney defends the force and injury when and wrongfully and the aforesaid John by his attorney offered himself against the aforesaid Philip and George in the plea aforesaid and Complained thereof against them in the following words to wit, Philip Reed and George Hartshorn both of Kent County in the State of Maryland farmers were summoned to answer unto John Ashby of a plea that they render unto him the sum of sixty three pounds ten shillings current money which to him they owe and unjustly detain &c. And whereupon the said John Ashby by William Pilchman his attorney saith that whereas the said Philip Reed and George Hartshorn on the twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven at Kent County aforesaid by their certain writing Obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid John Ashby in the aforesaid sum of sixty three pounds ten shillings current money to be paid unto the said John Ashby when afterwards they should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Philip and George, altho often thereunto required, the aforesaid sum of sixty three pounds ten shillings current money to the said John hath not rendered or paid but the same to him hitherto to render or pay have altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said John sixty three pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit thereof and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Philip and George which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid. Wm. Pilchman for the plff. prays the debt and damages. John Doe & Richard Roe.

And the aforesaid Philip Reed and George Hartshorn by their attorney aforesaid pray an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath them in the following words to wit, Know all men by these presents that we Philip Reed and George Hartshorn of Kent County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto John Ashby of the same County and State in the sum of sixty three pounds ten shillings specie for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Philip Reed and George Hartshorn their or either of their Heirs Executors Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the aforesaid John Ashby his certain attorney Executors Administrators or assigns the sum and full sum of sixty one pounds fifteen shillings specie on or before the first day of November next ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest for the same then the above Obligation to be void else to be in full force and Virtue in law.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of Joshua Ashby. — Philip Reed (Seal) George Hartshorn (Seal)

And the aforesaid Philip and George by their attorney aforesaid prays Liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the monday before the third Tuesday of June next and they have it the same day was given the aforesaid John here and to forth, At which said monday before the third Tuesday of June seventeen hundred and eighty nine Came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid Philip and George by their attorney aforesaid defend the force and injury when &c. and prays further liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the

monday before the third Tuesday of October next and they had it the same day was given the aforesaid John here &c. Afterwards, At which said monday before the third Tuesday of October Seventeen hundred and eighty nine Came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid Philip and George by their attorneys aforesaid defend the force and injury when and wrongfully &c. prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the monday before the third Tuesday of March next and they had it the same day was given the aforesaid John here and to forth, At which said monday before the third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and ninety Came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid Philip and George by their attorney aforesaid alledge to the Court here that the action aforesaid was aforesaid depending between the aforesaid John Ashby plff. and them the said Philip and George Defendants is by Habeas Corpus removed to the General Court to be held at the Court house in Talbot County for the Eastern Shore of this State on the second Tuesday of April next of all which the said Court for the County of Kent aforesaid hath legal notice by Habeas Corpus amongst the proceedings of the Same Court filed and allowed —

(Seal of the Kent Co. Court) In Testimony that the above is a true copy of the proceedings in the action aforesaid I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Kent County aforesaid this 28th day of March 1790.

Ben: Chambers Clk. K. Co.

And the said John Ashby by his attorney aforesaid prays that the said Philip Reed & George Hartshorn might be ruled to file their plea in answer to the Declaration of him the said John Ashby on or before the second Tuesday of September then next following or that Judgement by Default thereof against the said Philip Reed and George Hartshorn might be rendered; and it was granted unto them: the same day was given to the said John Ashby then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September Came here into our said General Court, the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the said John Ashby by his attorney aforesaid prays that the said Philip Reed and George Hartshorn might be further ruled to file their plea in answer to the Declaration of him the said John Ashby on or before the second Tuesday of April then next or that Judgement by default thereof against the said Philip Reed and George Hartshorn might be rendered: and it was granted unto them: The same day was given to the said John Ashby then &c. And now here on this day to wit, the second Tuesday in April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one, Came here again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Philip Reed and George Hartshorn by their attorney aforesaid defendeth the wrong and injury when &c. and saith that he cannot gainsay that the action of the said John Ashby was aforesaid against them brought nor can they deny that the writing Obligatory aforesaid is the Deed of them the said Philip Reed and George Hartshorn, nor that they owe unto the said John Ashby the aforesaid sum of sixty three pounds ten shillings current money, in the writing Obligatory aforesaid mentioned in manner and form as the said John Ashby against them has Complained, Therefore it is Considered by the Court here, that the said John Ashby do recover against the said Philip Reed & George Hartshorn his Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid acknowledged and also the quantity of Eight hundred and forty four and three fifths of a pound of Tobacco which was adjudged for his Cost and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf