John Chew
against
Robert Dixon

Command was given to the Sheriff of Caroline County on the seventh day of January seventeen hundred and eighty nine, that he should take Robert Dixon late of Caroline County farmer, if he should be found in his bailiwick, and him should 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 next, to answer unto John Chew of a plea that he render unto him six hundred and forty three pounds, fourteen shillings and eight pence current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c: and that he should have then and there that writ. At which day to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and eighty nine here came the said John Chew by William Tilghman his Attorney; and the Sheriff of the County afs^d to whom the writ afs^d was directed, also came, and thereof to the Court here made return, that he had taken the body of the said Robert Dixon, and the same had ready according to the exigence of the same writ. And the said Robert Dixon by James Tilghman his Attorney came here into Court; and thereupon the said Robert Dixon at the prayer of the said John Chew was ruled to give Special bail in the plea afs^d: Whereupon Robert Sedwich Dixon of Caroline County planter came here into Court before the Judges afs^d in his proper person, and became pledge and Mainpeptor for the afs^d Robert Dixon, that if it should happen that Judgement by the Court here for the afs^d John Chew, in the plea afs^d against the said Robert Dixon should be rendered, then the said Joseph Sedwich Dixon granted that all such damages, costs and charges which unto the said John Chew in this part should by the Court be adjudged, of his lands and chattels should be made and to the use of the said John Chew levied if it should happen that the said Robert Dixon the said damages, costs and charges unto the said John Chew should not pay, or his body in execution of such Judgement should not render to the Gaol or prison of Caroline County afs^d by that occasion should not render: and thereupon day was given as well to the said John Chew as to the said Robert Dixon

until the second Tuesday in September then next following. At which day to wit, the second Tuesday in September here came the parties afs^d, by their Attorneys afs^d; and the said John Chew, by his Attorney afs^d, affixed his Declaration in the plea afs^d, against the said Robert Dixon, in manner and form following to wit; Eastern Shore of Maryland, Caroline County to wit; Robert Dixon late of Caroline County farmer was summoned to answer unto John Chew of a plea, that he render unto him six hundred and forty three pounds fourteen shillings and eight pence current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c: And whereupon the said John Chew by William Tilghman his Attorney saith that whereas the said Robert Dixon on the twenty second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five at the County afs^d by his certain writing Obligatory with his seal sealed and to the Court here shewn, the date whereof is the day and year afs^d acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John, in the sum of six hundred and forty three pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said John when thereto afterwards he should be required: Nevertheless the said Robert altho' often required the sum of money afs^d to the said John hath not paid but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse, to the damage of the said John seven hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and thereupon he brings Suit &c. Wm Tilghman for the Plff. Pledges &c. J. Doe R. Roe — The writing Obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration afs^d ensues in the words following to wit; Know all Men by these presents, that we Robert Dixon and Joseph Dixon of the County of Kent on Delaware yeomen, are held and firmly bound unto John Chew of the Town of Dover, in County afs^d Merchant, in six hundred and forty three pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence Gold or Silver Coin, to be paid to the said John Chew or his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns; for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals; dated this twenty second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five — The condition of the above