that whereas the said John Hudson on the twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty eight at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory with his seal sealed and to the Court here shown the Date whereof is the same day and year acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound to the said Isaac in the aforesaid sum of four hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings and two pence current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Isaac when thereto afterwards he should be required - (Yet the said John (altho often required) the sum of money aforesaid to the said Isaac hath not paid, but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Isaac five hundred pounds current money aforesaid ... and thereupon he brings suit &c.

Wm. Tilghman Pledges &c. John Doe, Richard Roe -

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid comes in the following words and figures, to wit - Kent County Maryland - KNOW all men by these presents that, I John Hudson farmer of the State and County aforesaid am held and firmly bound unto Isaac Perkins Merchant of the same place in the full and just sum of four hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings and two pence Specie current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Isaac Perkins, or to his certain Attorney, Exors. Admors or Assigns: to which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself, my heirs, Exors and Admors firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal, dated the twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight 1788 - The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden John Hudson, his Heirs, Exors, Admors or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Isaac Perkins, or to his certain Attorney, Exors, Admors or Assigns the full and just sum of two hundred and twenty four pounds two shillings and one penny with legal Interest thereon on or before the first day of March next ensuing without any fraud or delay, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in force and virtue in Law - Seale & delivered in the presence of

Jacob Woodland - } John Hudson {Seal}

On the back of the Bond was then written, to wit

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A Copy of which aforesaid Declaration and Bond were made out and sent with the Writ in the plea aforesaid -

At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty nine being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, came the said Isaac by his Attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the said Writ was directed likewise came and made Return thereof to the Court here then endorsed, to wit - "Cepi" Edward Worrell Shff.

And the said John by William Dudley his Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon at the prayer of the said Isaac was ruled to give Special Bail; whereupon the said John filed in Court here the following Bail Piece, to wit -

Isaac Perkins, Plaintiff
vs.
John Hudson Defendant

} you Richard Withered and Henry Hurt do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for John Hudson at the Suit of the said Isaac Perkins in an Action of Debt brought by the said Isaac Perkins against the said John Hudson in the General Court held on the Eastern Shore of Maryland at Easton - They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 17th day of March in the year 1789 - Taken and acknowledged before John Leott.

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court - John Leott.

And the said Isaac by his Attorney aforesaid prayed that a rule of Court be made for the aforesaid John to file his Plea and answer to the Declaration aforesaid of him of him the said Isaac at the next September Term and it was granted unto him - Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said Parties and their Attorneys aforesaid and by order of the Court here, thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of September then next following - At which said day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine here came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys, and it was said to the said John that he should answer to the Declaration of the said Isaac by the second Tuesday of April then next following: and it was said to the said John that if he should not answer to the Declaration aforesaid by the day aforesaid, Judgment should be rendered against him by Default; the same day was given to the said Isaac there and so forth - And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety come again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said John by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid of the said Isaac, nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the Deed of him the said John nor but that he owes unto the said Isaac the aforesaid sum of four hundred and forty eight pounds four shillings and two pence current money in manner and form as the said Isaac above against him hath complained: therefore it is considered