to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Exors and Admrs and each of them firmly by these, sealed with our seals and dated the twenty sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two — The Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bounden Josias Ringgold and James Ringgold, their Heirs, Exors, Admrs or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the above named Benjamin Morgan and William Sluby, their or either of their certain Attorney, their Heirs, Exors, ... Admrs or Assigns the just and full sum of two hundred and thirty pounds three shillings and nine pence Specie, on the first day of August in the year 1788 and that without any fraud or further delay, then the above obligation to be void or else to be and remain in full force and virtue — clear of Interest —

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Sa: Lurry — } Josi Ringgold (seal) Jas: Ringgold (seal)

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and Bond were made 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 Benjamin and William by their Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the same Writ was directed, also came and made return thereof to the Court here thus indorsed, to wit, "Cepi" Edward Worrell Sheriff

And the said James by John Scott his Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon at the prayer of the said Benjamin and William by their Attorney aforesaid, the said James was rulled to give Special in the plea aforesaid: whereupon the said James by his Attorney aforesaid filed here in Court the following Bail Piece, to wit —

Benjamin Morgan & William Sluby, Plaintiffs
vs
James Ringgold, Defendant

You John Ringgold and Joseph Ringgold Junr do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said James Ringgold, at the suit of the said Benjamin Morgan and William Sluby against the said James Ringgold in the General Court — They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this twentieth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty nine —

Before John Scott

To the Honorable Judges of the General Court — And the aforesaid Benjamin and William by their Attorney aforesaid, prayed that a rule of Court be made for the said James to file his plea and answer to the Declaration aforesaid of them the said Benjamin and William at the next September Term, and it was granted unto them; whereupon 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 second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and eighty nine, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid aforesaid, and it was said to the said James, that he should answere to the Declaration of the said Benjamin and William by the second Tuesday in April then next following; and it was said to the said to the said James that if he should not answer to the Declaration aforesaid by the day aforesaid, Judgment should be rendered against him by default, and the same day was given to the said Benjamin and William thereof 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 James by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that he can not gainsay the Action aforesaid of the said Benjamin and William, nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory aforesaid, is the deed of him the said James, nor but that he owes unto the said Benjamin and Williams the aforesaid sum of four hundred and sixty pounds three shillings and six pence Specie in manner and form as the said Benjamin and William above against him have complained: therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Benjamin and William do recover against James their Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged: as also the Quantity of four hundred and ninety one pounds of Tobacco as well for their Damages which they have sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for their Costs and Charges by him about their suit in this behalf expended and the same Benjamin and William by the Court here with their Assent adjudged, and so forth, and the said James in mercy &c — James Earle Clk.

Judgment was confessed in this Action on the fifteenth day of April seventeen hundred and ninety, with a Stay of Execution till September Term then next following — Penalty to be released on payment of Principal, Interest and Costs. —

Thomas Smyth use of Benjamin Hawkins
vs
Philip Reed

Memorandum, the Defendant in this Cause by William Barroll and Turbutt Wright his Attorneys sued out the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus, the tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit — The State of Maryland, Sc: To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting — Whereas a certain Philip Reed late of Kent County is detained in the prison of our said County, under the