Richard G. Smyth, use of
William Bell
vs
Robert Meeks

Memorandum, the Plantiff by William Tilghman his Attorney, sued out the State of Maryland's Writ of Capias Adrespondendum the tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit. The State of Maryland, &c. To the Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting. We command you that you take Robert Meeks late of Kent County farmer if he shall be found in your Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you 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 Richard Gresham Smyth of a plea that he render unto him the sum of eight hundred and twenty pounds current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains ands o forth – Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court the first day of October Anno Domini 1788.

Issued the 13th day of March 1789.

W.T. James Earle Clk.

And the said Richard by his Attorney aforesaid declares against the said Robert in the plea aforesaid in the following words, to wit. Eastern Shore of Maryland. Kent County, to wit. Robert Meeks late of Kent County farmer, was summoned to answer unto Richard Gresham Smyth of a plea, that he render unto him the sum of eight hundred and twenty current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains ands o forth – And whereupon the said Richard Gresham Smyth by William Tilghman his Attorney saith that whereas the said Robert Meeks on the sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory, with his seal sealed and to the Court here shewn, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Richard in the aforesaid sum of eight hundred and twenty two pounds current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Richard when thereto afterwards he should be required. Nevertheless the said Robert (altho' often required) the sum of money aforesaid to the said Richard hath not paid but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Richard one thousand pounds current money of Maryland, and thereupon he brings suit &c.

Wm. Tilghman for the Plff. – Pledges &c. – John Doe, Richard Roe –

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid, ensues in the words following, to wit. Kent County Maryland – Know all men by these presents that we Philip Taylor and Robert Meeks are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto Richard Gresham Smyth in the sum of eight hundred and twenty pounds current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Richard Gresham Smyth, his certain Attorney, Exors, Admrs or Assigns: to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally, our Heirs, Exors and Admrs firmly by these presents, sealed with our seal, dated the sixteenth day of April 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 Philip Taylor and Robert Meeks their Heirs, Exors, Admrs or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Richard Gresham Smyth, his certain Attorney, Exors, Admrs or Assigns, the just sum of four hundred and ten pounds Specie, valuing Spanish milled Dollars at seven shillings and six pence each 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 John Crew – } Philip Taylor (L.S.) Robt. Meeks (L.S.)

On the back of the original Bond was then written, to wit – Be it remembered that the within named Philip Taylor and Robert Meeks are to have until the 1st day of October 1788 for the payment of the within Bond, provided satisfactory Security is given if it shold be demanded –

Witness John Crew – R. G. Smyth –

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and Bond were made and sent with with the Writ in the plea aforesaid – At which day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty nine being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ came the said Richard by his Attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the same Writ was directed likewise came and made return thereof to the Court here with the following endorsement to wit "Capi" Edward Worrell Shff. And the said Robert by William Barroll his Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon at the prayer of the said Richard, the said Robert was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Robert by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Bail Piece, to wit –

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vs
Robert Meeks, Defendant } You, George Hanson and James Wroth do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said Robert Meeks at the suit of