Marmaduke Medford and Jacob Jones of Kent County and State of Maryland if they shall be found in his Bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the Justices of our next County Court, to be held at the Court house in the Town of Chester in said County on the Monday before the third Tuesday of March next to answer unto James Jones of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and fifty four pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence current money which to him they owe and unjustly detain and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty eight came the aforesaid James Jones by Turbutt Wright his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ, to the Court here thereon endorsed as follows, to wit; "Cepi Corpora" Geo: Hanson Shff. And the aforesaid James Jones by his Attorney aforesaid offered himself against them in the plea aforesaid and complained thereof against them in the following words, to wit; Marmaduke Medford and Jacob Jones late of Kent County farmers, otherwise called Marmaduke Medford and Jacob Jones of Kent County and State of Maryland were summoned to answer unto James Jones Junior in a plea that they render unto him the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence current money which to him they owe and unjustly detain and so forth.

And whereupon the said James Jones by Turbutt Wright his Attorney saith that whereas the said Marmaduke and Jacob on the fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four at Kent County aforesaid by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said James in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty four pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence current money to be paid to the said James when afterwards they should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Marmaduke and Jacob (altho often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty four pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence current money to the said James hath not rendered or paid but the same to him hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused and still do refuse, wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of one hundred and fifty four pounds thirteen shillings current money of Maryland, and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed

with the seal of the aforesaid Marmaduke and Jacob which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid. Pltf. Turbutt Wright for Pltf. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.

Oyer of the writing obligatory and Condition. Viz. Know all men by these presents that we Marmaduke Medford and Jacob Jones of Kent County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto James Jones of the County and State aforesaid in the penal sum of one hundred and fifty four pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence, to which payment well and truly to be made and done we do bind ourselves, our Heirs, Exors and Admrs firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this fifteenth day of December 1784.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Marmaduke Medford and Jacob Jones or either of their Heirs, Exors or Admrs do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the aforesaid James Jones his Heirs, Exors Admrs or Assigns the just and full sum of seventy seven pounds six shillings and ten pence half penny on or before the twentieth day of October ensuing clear of any Interest till that time and if not paid by that time to commence Interest from the twentieth day of October next till paid, then the above obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to stand and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Michael Cosse Jr. George Medford — Marmaduke Medford (Seal) — Jacob Jones (Seal)

This Obligation was endorsed as follows, to wit

Oct. 14th 1786 Recd in Cash			14 .. 12 .. 10½
Decr 14th 1787 Recd 43¾ Bushls wheat wt 59 lbs at 5/10			12 .. 15 .. 2½
35	57 at 5/6		9 .. 12 .. 6
25	55	5/3	6 .. 11 .. 3

Thereupon the said Marmaduke Medford and Jacob Jones by Thomas Bedingfield Stands their Attorney came and defended the force and injury when and so forth and prayed liberty of imparling thereof hereto the Action aforesaid till the Monday before the third Tuesday of June next and they