John Skinner } Memorandum the Plaintiff by William Cooke his Attorney, sued out the State of Maryland's Writ of Capias Ad respon-
Richard Graves } dendum the Teno whereof follows in these words, to wit.— The State of Maryland, S.t To the Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting. We command you that you take Richard Graves late of Kent County Gentleman, otherwise called Richard Graves of Kent County in the State of Maryland 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, at Easton in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of April next, to answer unto John Skinner of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and seventy eight pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence current money which to the said John he owes and from him unjustly detains and so 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 14.th day of March 1789.

Mr. Cooke, James Earle Clk.

At which said 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 John Skinner 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: "Cepi" Edward Worrell Shff.o And the said Richard Graves by William Pelgrman his Attorney came here into Court; and thereupon at the prayer of the said John Skinner, the said Richard Graves was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Richard Graves by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Bail Piece, to wit.—

John Skinner, Plantiff } You Morgan Brown and Daniel Matsler do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special
a } Bail for the said Richard Graves at the suit of the
Richard Graves, Defendant } said John Skinner in an Action of Debt brought by the said John Skinner against the said Richard Graves in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 23.rd day of March 1789.— John Scott

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.—

And the said Richard Graves by his Attorney aforesaid defended the force and injury when and so forth, and prayed liberty of imparling thereof until the second Tuesday of September then next following and it was granted unto him, and the same day was given unto

the said John Skinner there and so forth.— At which day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and eighty nine came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said John Skinner by his Attorney aforesaid filed his Declaration in plea aforesaid against the said Richard Graves in the following words, to wit.— Eastern Shore State of Maryland, Kent County, to wit: Richard Graves late of Kent County Gentleman, otherwise called Richard Graves of Kent County in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto John Skinner in a plea that he render unto him the said John Skinner the sum of two hundred and seventy eight pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence current money which to the said John Skinner he the said Richard Graves owes and unjustly detains and so forth.— And whereupon the said John Skinner by William Cooke his Attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Richard Graves on the first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one at Kent County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said John Skinner when afterwards he the said Richard Graves should be thereunto required.— Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard Graves altho' often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of current money, to him the said John Skinner hath not rendered or paid, but the same sum of current money to him the said John Skinner to render or pay, he the said Richard Graves hath hitherto altogeth refused and still doth refuse; wherefore the said John saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the value of four hundred pounds current money aforesaid, therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Richard Graves, which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.—

Mr. Cooke pr. Plff. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.—

Oyer of the writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid issues in the following words, to wit: Know all men by these presents that I Richard Graves of Kent County in the State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto John Skinner of Baltimore County in the State aforesaid in the full and just sum of two hundred and seventy eight pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence Specie to be paid unto the said John Skinner his certain Attorney, Administrators or Assigns; to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I hereby bind myself, my heirs, Exors and Admrs firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal and dated this first Day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.— The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Richard Graves do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Skinner his certain