At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, came the said de Drusina, Ridder and Clark by their Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff to whom the same Writ was directed, likewise came and made return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit, "Cepi" Thos. Lockerman Shff. And the said Joseph by Gustavus Scott his Attorney came here into Court: and thereupon the said Joseph at the prayer of the said de Drusina, Ridder and Clark was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Joseph by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Bail Piece, to wit:

James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder & James Clark, Plantiffs
against
Joseph Dowson, Defendant

You Robertson Stevens and James Rule Stevens of Dorchester County Gentlemen, do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said Joseph Dowson at the suit of the said James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clark in an Action of Trespass upon the Case, brought by the said James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clark, against the said Joseph Dowson in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be consent therewith this seventh day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight, before Jn.o Eccleston, R. Griffith.

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court; 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 second of September seventeen hundred and eighty eight, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys; And 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 April then next following.— At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty nine, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Joseph by his Attorney aforesaid prayed that the said de Drusina, Ridder and Clark against him might declare; and thereupon day was given by the Court here until the

second Tuesday of September then next following to the said de Drusina, Ridder and Clark to declare against the said Joseph; and it was said to the said de Drusina, Ridder and Clark by the Court here, that they on that day should declare against the said Joseph or that Judgment by default thereof against them the said de Drusina, Ridder and Clark should be rendered; the same day was given to the said Joseph there and so forth. 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 second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and eighty nine came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said de Drusina, Ridder and Clark by their Attorney aforesaid, filed their Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Joseph in manner and form following, to wit; Eastern Shore State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit; Joseph Dowson late of Dorchester County Merchant, was attached — to answer unto James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clark in a plea of Trespass on the Case &c.a And whereupon the said James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clark by William Cooke their Attorney complain that whereas the aforesaid Joseph Dowson, on the thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty seven at Dorchester County aforesaid was indebted unto them the said James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clark in the sum of two hundred and forty one pounds seventeen shillings and five pence Sterling money for the like sum of Sterling money by the said James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clark at the special Instance and request and to and for the use and and behoof of the aforesaid Joseph Dowson before that time there laid out, expended and paid, and being so thereof indebted, the aforesaid Joseph Dowson afterwards, to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at Dorchester County aforesaid in Consideration thereof upon himself assumed and to the said James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clark then and there faithfully promised that he the said Joseph, when afterwards he should be thereunto required, the aforesaid sum of Sterling money to them the said James de Drusina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clark would well and truly content and pay, and the said