John Jarvis Admr of Ann Jarvis. vs. Joseph Dowson.

Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County that he should take Joseph Dowson late of Dorchester County Merchant otherwise called Joseph Dawson of the City of Annapolis Merchant, if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that he might 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 seventeen hundred and eighty nine, to answer unto John Jarvis and Ann his wife in a plea that he render unto them the sum of two hundred and thirty three pounds four shillings current money which to the said John and Ann his wife he owes and unjustly detains and so forth; and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and that he should have then and there that Writ &c. And the said John and Ann his wife by William Cooke their Attorney, declare against the said Joseph in the plea aforesaid in the words following, to wit; Eastern Shore State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit; Joseph Dowson late of Dorchester County Merchant, otherwise called Joseph Dowson of the City of Annapolis Merchant was summoned to answer unto John Jarvis and Ann his wife in a plea that he render unto them the sum of two hundred and thirty three pounds four shillings current money which to the said John and Ann his wife he owes and unjustly detains and so forth... And whereupon the said John, and Ann his wife by William Cooke their Attorney complain that whereas the aforesaid Joseph on the twenty ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five at Dorchester County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Ann while sole, in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and thirty three pounds four shillings current money, to be paid to the said Ann when afterwards he the said Joseph should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph (all the often thereto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred and thirty three pounds four shillings to the said Ann while sole, or to them the said John and Ann since the Espousals between them celebrated hath not rendered or paid; but the same to her the said Ann while sole or to them the said John and Ann since the Espousals between them celebrated hath to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of them the said John and Ann in the sum

of three hundred pounds current money aforesaid, and therefore they bring suit &c: and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Joseph which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid &c.

Mr Cooke pr Pltfs pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe...

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned in the words following, to wit; Maryland Ss. Know all men by these presents that I, Joseph Dowson of the City of Annapolis Merchant am held and firmly bound unto Ann Yeldell of the same place in the full and just sum of two hundred and thirty three pounds four shillings current money, to be paid unto the said Ann Yeldell, her certain Attorney, Exors, Admrs or Assigns; to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself, my Heirs, Exors and Admrs in the whole and for the whole firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal and dated this twenty ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five. The Condition of the above is such, that if the above bound Joseph Dowson, do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said Ann Yeldell, her certain Attorney, Exors, Admrs or Assigns, the just and full sum of one hundred and sixteen pounds twelve shillings current money, on or before the twenty ninth day of April next; then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Joseph Gill, Wm Wells. } Joseph Dowson (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 John and Ann his wife 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" John Eccleston Shff. And the said Joseph Dowson by Gustavus Scott his Attorney, came here into Court, and thereupon at the prayer of the said John and Ann, the said Joseph was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Joseph Dowson by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Bail Piece, to wit.