and the said Joseph in mercy &c. James Earle Eqr.

Judgment was confessed in this Action on the twenty eighth day of April seventeen hundred and ninety, with a Stay of Execution till September Term then next following. Penalty to be relieved on payment of Principal, Interest & Costs.

John Jarvis Admr of Ann Jarvis vs Joseph Dowson.

Be it remembered that on the thirty first day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County, that he should take Joseph Dowson late of Dorchester County Merchant, otherwise called Joseph Dowson of the City of Annapolis in the State of Maryland, if he should be found in his 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 John Jarvis and Ann his wife in a plea that he render unto them the sum of two hundred pounds current money, which to the said John and Ann 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. 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 in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto John Jarvis and Ann his wife in a plea that he render unto them the sum of two hundred pounds current money which to the said John and Ann his wife he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said John and Ann his wife by William Cooke their Attorney, complain that whereas the aforesaid Joseph on the twenty first day of November 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 pounds current money, to be paid to the said Ann when afterwards he the said Joseph should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph (altho often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred

Pounds current money 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 to render or pay he the said Joseph hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said John and Ann say they are the worse and have Damage to the value of three hundred pounds current money aforesaid, and therefore they 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.

Mr. Cooke p. Pltff pledges pro John Doe and Richard Roe.

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid, ensues in the following words, to wit; Maryland ss. Know all men by these presents, that I, Joseph Dowson of the City of Annapolis in the State of Maryland, am held and firmly bound unto Ann Yeldell of the same place in the full and just sum of two hundred pounds 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 first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five. The Condition of the above obligation 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 pounds like money in Gold and Silver at the present passing value, on or before the first day of December next with legal Interest thereon; then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Jon. Pinkney, James Robinson } Joseph Dowson {seal}

Copies 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 of Dorchester County 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 by Gustavus Scott his Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon at the prayer of the said John and Ann his wife