the said John by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here, the following Bail Piece, to wit

Robert Cowden, Plaintiff, against John Wright, Defendant } You Henry Packer and Thomas Littlingham do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said John Wright at the suit of the said Robert Cowden in an Action of Debt brought by the said Robert Cowden against the said John Wright in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 10th day of April Anno Domini 1789. Before John Selby, Outten Sturgis.

To the Honorable 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 untiled 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 Robert by his Attorney aforesaid, declared against the said John in the plea aforesaid, in the manner and form following, to wit; Eastern Shore State of Maryland Worcester County, to wit; John Wright late of Worcester County Merchant, otherwise called John Wright of Worcester County Merchant was summoned to answer unto Robert Cowden of a plea that he render unto the said Robert Cowden the sum of four hundred and fifty five pounds current money which to him the said Robert Cowden he the said John Wright owe and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Robert Cowden by William Cooke his Attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid John Wright on the twenty seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six at Worcester County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Robert Cowden in the aforesaid sum of current money to be paid unto him the said Robert when afterwards he the said John Wright should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid John Wright altho often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of current money to him the said Robert Cowden hath not rendered & paid, but the same sum of current money to him the said Robert to render or pay, he the said John hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse and so forth; wherefore the said Robert Cowden saith he is the worse and hath damage to



the value of five 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 John Wright which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

W. Cooke pro Ptff pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid, follows in the words following, to wit; KNOW all men by these presents that I, John Wright of Worcester County Merchant am held and firmly unto Robert Cowden of the City of Annapolis Merchant in the full and just sum of four hundred and fifty five pounds current money in Specie to be paid unto the said Robert Cowden, his 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 firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal, and dated this twenty seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. The Condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound John Wright do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said Robert Cowden his certain Attorney, Exors, Admrs or Assigns the full and just sum of two hundred and twenty six pounds twelve shillings current money in Specie on or before the first day of February 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 Richd Tootell } John Wright (seal)

And the said Robert by his Attorney aforesaid, prayed that a rule of Court be made for the said John to file his plea and answer to the Declaration aforesaid, of him the said Robert at the next April Term, and it was granted unto him. 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 ninety, come again the parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys