made return thereof to the Court here, then endorsed, to wit, Levi John Leatherbury Shff. And the said John by Thomas James Bullitt Esq. his Attorney, came here into Court: Thereupon further day is given as well to the said State as to the said John until the second Tuesday of April then next following – At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety, came again the parties aforesd. by their Attorneys aforesd.: and the said State by her Attorney aforesd. declared against the said John in manner and form following, to wit: Somerset County, to wit: John Denwood late of Somerset County Gentleman was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto her the Quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cask which from her they unjustly detain and so forth – And whereupon the said State by William Hayward its Attorney saith, that whereas the aforesd. John on the fourteenth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight at Somerset County aforesd. by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State, in the said Quantity of Tobacco and Cask, to be paid to the said State when afterwards he should be thereunto required – Nevertheless the aforesd. John (altho' often thereunto required) the aforesd. Quantity of Tobacco and Cask to the said State hath not rendered or paid, but the same to it hitherto to render or pay, he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse, wherefore it saith it is the worse and hath damage to the value of one thousand pounds current money, and therefore it brings suit and so forth; and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesd. sealed with the seal of the aforesd. John, which the Deft. acknowledges in form aforesd. witness &c. the date is the day and year aforesd. and so forth –

Mr. Hayward for the Plff. pleads &c. and so forth John Dor and Richd. Ror:

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid, follows in the words following, to wit:

Maryland Sts. Know all men by these presents that we John Denwood, Levi Leatherbury and John Wilkins of Somerset County in the State aforesd. are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cask, to be paid to the said State of Maryland: to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our Heirs, Exors and Admors jointly and severally, for the whole and in the whole firmly by these, sealed with our seals and dated this fourteenth day of May in the year one thousand, seven hundred and eighty eight – The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden John Denwood do well and truly serve the State of Maryland in the Office of High Sheriff of the County of Somerset within the said State, and in all things well and faithfully execute the said Office and also shall render to the said State and other its Officers a true, faithful and perfect Account of all and singular the said State's Rights and Dues, and to its Officers a true and just Account of their fees that he shall or may be entrusted with by the said State's Governor and other its Officers with the said State to receive and collect and this Account of all Fees, Dues and sums of Money or Tobacco due to any of the good people within this State for any sum or sums of money or Tobacco wherewith the said Sheriff shall be entrusted during the time of his Shrevalty for this present year, or to such of them as shall require the same, shall pay and render by the Tenth day of October next ensuing the date hereof, and in all things as Sheriff of the County of Somerset shall behave himself well & honestly towards all persons according to the best of his power, skill and knowledge: then this obligation to be void, or else to stand in full force power, strength & virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of — Levin Ballard, Thos. G. Fountain

John Denwood . . . . (Seal)
Levi Leatherbury . . . . (Seal)
John Wilkins . . . . (Seal)

And the said State by her Attorney aforesd. prayed that a rule of Court