should 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, at Easton, in Talbot County, the Second Tuesday of September then next following, to answer unto Thomas Ringgold of a plea, that he render unto him the sum of six hundred and eighty one pounds twelve shillings and four pence current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and that he should then and there have this Writ. At which said second Tuesday of September, Seventeen hundred and ninety, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, came the said Thomas Ringgold by William Tilghman his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Kent County, to whom the Writ aforesd was directed, likewise came and made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, towit: "Cepi, Josiah Johnson Shff" — And the said James comes here into Court in his proper person. Whereupon the said Thomas by his Attorney aforesd declares against the said James in manner and form following towit: Eastern Shore of Maryland, Kent County ss.

James Ringgold late of Kent County gentleman was summoned to answer unto Thomas Ringgold of a plea, that he render unto him the sum of six hundred and eighty one pounds twelve shillings and four pence current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Thomas Ringgold complains, that whereas the said James Ringgold on the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at the County aforesd by his certain Bill obligatory with his seal sealed and to the Court here shown the date whereof is the day and year aforesd acknowledged himself to owe to the aforesd Thomas the sum of three and forty pounds sixteen shillings and two pence current money of Maryland, to be paid with legal Interest for the same to the same Thomas, at or upon the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine: To which payment well and truly to be made and done, the aforesaid James did bind himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by the same Bill in the aforesd sum of six hundred and eighty one pounds twelve shillings and four pence current money aforesd. And the aforesd Thomas in fact

says that the said James did not pay to the said Thomas the aforesd sum of three hundred and forty pounds sixteen shillings and two pence current money with legal Interest for the same at or upon the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, which to him at or upon that day he ought to have paid, according to the tenor and effect of the Bill; by which Action accrued to the said Thomas to demand and have from the aforesd James the aforesd sum of six hundred and eighty one pounds twelve shillings and four pence current money aforesd. Nevertheless the said James (altho often required) the aforesd sum of six hundred and eighty one pounds twelve shillings and four pence current money aforesd to the aforesd Thomas hath not paid, but the same to him to pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said Thomas seven hundred current money aforesaid and therefore he brings suit &c.

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And the said James Ringgold defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesd of the said Thomas, nor can he deny but that the Bill obligatory aforesd is the Deed of him the said James, nor but that he owes unto the said Thomas the aforesd sum of six hundred and eighty one pounds twelve shillings and four pence current money in manner and form as the said Thomas above against him hath complained; Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Thomas do recover against the said James his debt aforesd in form aforesd acknowledged; as also the quantity of four hundred and fifty two and one fifth pounds of Tobacco, for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in that behalf laid out and expended, unto the said Thomas by the Court here with his Assent adjudged &c. And the said James Ringgold in Mercy &c.

James Earle Clk.

Judgment was confessed in this Action on the fifteenth day of September Seventeen hundred and ninety, for Penalty and Costs: Penalty to be released on payment of Principal, Interest and Costs: Stay Execution till September Term one thousand seven hundred and ninety one —