Judge of our said Court this 26th day of September Anno Domini 1787.
Issued the 10th day of November 1787. (Wm.) James Earle Clk.

At which day to wit, the said second Tuesday of April in the year One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, here came the State of Maryland, by William Hayward her Attorney, and the Coroner of Caroline County afd also came and made return of the writ afd thus endorsed, to wit "Capi Corpus so answers Stephen Hearty, Cor. Can. Cty." Whereupon the said William Banches by James Tilghman his Attorney came here into Court, and the process of Upon the premises afd was thereupon Continued until the second Tuesday of September then next following — At which said second Tuesday of September, came again the Parties afd by their Attorneys afd, and thereupon the process afd was further Continued by order of the Court here thereon until the second Tuesday of April then next following. — And the said State by her said Attorney afterwards, to wit, on the tenth day of February Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred Ninety nine, affiled his Declaration in the Plea afd against the said William Banches, which ensues in manner and form following, to wit. "Caroline County, ss. William Banches late of Caroline County, Gentleman was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of Two hundred thousand pounds of Good sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cash of the value of fifteen hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland which from them he unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said State by William Hayward their Attorney say that whereas the said William Banches on the twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty seven, at Caroline County afd by his certain writing Obligatory which with the seal of the said William Banches sealed is here into Court brought the date whereof is the same day and year afd acknowledged himself to be held and firmly Bound unto the said State in the said Quantity of Two hundred thousand pounds of Good sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco and Cash which then was now is and ever since hath been of the value afd to be paid to the said State when he the said William Banches should be thereto afterwards required: Nevertheless the said William Banches tho' often requested the said Quantity of Tobacco & Cash in the said value thereof unto the said State hath not paid or in any sort Contents but the same to the said State to pay hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse whereupon the said State say that they are injured and have damage to the value of One thousand pounds Current Money of Maryland and thereupon they bring suit & so forth.

William Hayward for State — I Do NR Ace Pledges of Proof." —

The writing Obligatory mentioned in the Declaration afd ensues in manner & form following, to wit.

Maryland ss. Know all men by these Presents that we William Banches, William Robinson & Benjamin Blunt of Caroline County in the State aforesaid are

holden and firmly bound to the State of Maryland in the full sum and just Quantity of Two hundred thousand pounds of good sound Merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cash to be paid to the said State of Maryland to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our Heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally for the whole and in the whole firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and dated the twenty fourth day of March in the eleventh year of the independence of the State aforesaid Anno Domini 1787.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above Bounden William Banches do well and truly serve the State of Maryland in the Office of high Sheriff of the County of Caroline within the State aforesaid and in all things well and faithfully execute the same Office and also shall render to the said State and other her Officers a true faithfull and perfect Account of all and Singular the said State's Rights and Dues and to his 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 Officers within this State to receive and collect and his Account to the State and to her Governor here for the time being for the fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to the said State's Governor as also his 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 intrusted during the time of his Shrievalty for this present period or to such of them as shall require the same shall pass and render by the twentieth day of October next ensuing the date hereof and so annually during his continuance in Office and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Caroline shall behave himself well and honestly towards all persons according to the best of his power skill and knowledge. Then this Obligation to be void and of no Effect or else to stand in full force strength and virtue. — Wm. Banches (Seal)
William Robinson (Seal)
Benjamin Blunt (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the
Presence of Matt. Driver, Ph. Downes" —

At which said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & eighty nine, here came again the parties afd by their Attorneys afd, and thereupon at the instance, and with the consent of the said Parties and their Attorneys afd, it was ruled by the Court here that the matter in difference between the said Parties in this Cause, should be referred to the Arbitrament and final determination of Colonel William Richardson & Mr. Peter Edmondson, and if they should disagree they were impowered to name a third person: And it was also ruled that the Judgment of the Court should be rendered on the award of them or any two of them when the same should be returned according to the act of Assembly in such cases made and provided; and thereupon further process of and upon the premises afd between the Parties afd, with the consent of the said Parties and their Attorneys afd, and by order of the Court was continued until the second Tuesday of September then next following.

At which said second Tuesday of September, here came again the Parties afd by their Attorneys