that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at Easton in Talbot County the Second Tuesday of September Inst. to answer unto James Armstrong in a plea that he render unto him two hundred and seventeen pounds six shillings and ten pence Current Money, which to him he owes & unjustly detains – Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable Samuel Chase Esq.r Chief Judge of our said Court, the 8th day of April Anno Dominii 1794.

Signed the 2d day of September 1794. (Sd.) James Earle jun.r Clk."

Which day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of September Anno Dominii One thousand Seven hundred & ninety five being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Sheriff of Queen Anns County ats. to whom the same writ was directed made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit, "Exec.d Thos. O Bryon Shff."

Whereupon came here into Court the said James Armstrong by his Attorney ats. and thereupon the said Sheriff of the County ats. being solemnly called upon to bring into Court the body of the said John Conneyy according to his return of the writ ats. did not bring in the same, but therein made default: wherefore it was ruled by the Court here that the said Sheriff of Queen Anns County should be amerced forfeit and pay to the State of Maryland the sum of 5£ Cny. unless he should have the body of the said John Conneyy before the Judges of our General Court here on the second Tuesday of April then next following: The same day was also given to the said James Armstrong then &c. forth. – At which said second Tuesday of April Anno Dominii One thousand Seven hundred & ninety five, here came again into Court the said James Armstrong by his Attorney ats. and the said Thomas O Bryon Sheriff of Queen Anns County being again solemnly called upon to bring into Court the body of the said John Conneyy did not bring in the same, but therein again made default: Wherefore it was ruled by the Court here that the said Thomas O Bryon Sheriff of the County ats. should be amerced, forfeit & pay to the said James Armstrong the Debt ats. and the costs of him the said James in this behalf expended, unless he should have the body of the said John Conneyy before the Judges of our said Court here, on the second Tuesday of September then next following: The same day was also given to the said James Armstrong then &c – And the same James Armstrong by his Attorney ats. affiled his Declaration in the plea ats. against the said John Conneyy, which encues in manner & form following, to wit.

Eastern Shore of Maryland } John Conneyy late of Queen Anns County Farmer was summoned
Queen Anns County to wit. } to answer unto James Armstrong in a plea that he render unto him two hundred and Seventy pounds six shillings and ten pence Current Money which to him he owes & unjustly detains and so forth – And whereupon the said James Armstrong by James Scott his Attorney saith that whereas the said John Conneyy on the thirtieth day of December in the year Seventeen hundred & ninety three, at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory with his seal sealed & to the Court here shewn the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held & firmly bound unto the said James in the aforesaid sum of Two hundred & Seventeen pounds six shillings & ten pence current money to be paid to the said James when he the said John should be thereto afterwards required: Nevertheless the said John altho' often required the aforesaid sum of Two hundred & Seventeen pounds six shillings & ten pence Current Money to the said James hath not paid but the same to him to pay he hath hitherto altogether refused & still doth refuse to the damage of the said James three hundred pounds Current money of Maryland & therefore he brings suit &c. Jas. Scott

Jas. Scott for the Plff. Pledges &c { John Doe, Richard Roe

Copy of the ats. Bond & Condition. "I John Conneyy of Queen Anns County & State of Maryland Farmer am held & firmly bound unto James Armstrong of Kent County and State aforesaid Merchant in the sum of Two hundred & seventeen pounds six shillings & ten pence Current Money of the State ats. to be paid to the said James Armstrong his certain Attorney Executors, Administrators or Assigns, which payment well & truly to be made & done I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators jointly & severally by these presents, sealed with my seal and dated this thirtieth day of December Seventeen hundred & ninety four three.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound John Conneyy pay or cause to be paid unto the said James Armstrong his Executors Administrators or Assigns the sum of one hundred & eight pounds thirteen shillings & five pence money ats. on or before the 20th day of August next ensuing with legal interest thereon from the date hereof then this Obligation to be void else to remain in full force & virtue in Law.

John Conneyy (Seal)

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Andrew Pearce"

And now at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of September Anno Dominii One thousand Seven hundred & ninety five, here comes again into Court, the said James Armstrong by his Attorney ats. and the ats. John Conneyy by Robert Wright his Attorney also comes here into Court and affiles the following Bail-Piece, to wit. "James Armstrong Plff. ats. } Dt. East. Shore Gen.l Court. You George Palmer & Henry Rochester do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said John Conneyy at the Suit of the said James Armstrong in an Action of Debt brought by the said James Armstrong against the said John Conneyy in the General Court. The acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this third day of September Seventeen hundred and ninety five. Before us

John Conneyy Defdt. }

To the Hon.ble the Judges of the General Court. } Edward Harris, Dan.l Hnock.

Robert Wright Esq.r Please to appear for me in the above suit. Yours John Conneyy"

Whereupon the said John Conneyy by his Attorney ats. defends the wrong & injury when &c. forth, & says that he cannot gainsay the Action of the said James Armstrong so as against him brought, nor can he deny but that the writing Obligatory ats. is the deed of him the said John Conneyy, nor but that he owes to the said James Armstrong the ats. sum of Two hundred & seventeen pounds six shillings & ten pence Current Money, in manner & form as he hath against him complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said James Armstrong do recover against the said John Conneyy the Debt ats. in form ats. acknowledged, & also the quantity of Six hundred & forty one pounds of Tobacco, as well for his Damages which he hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt as for his Costs & charges by him about his Suit in this behalf expended, unto the said