April Term 1793.

Henry Downes & Philip Fiddeman, use of John & Henry Page Executors of John Page.
against
William Ringgold Junr.

Be it remembered that on the twenty eighth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, Command was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County that he shouldt take William Ringgold Junior late of Queen Anns County, if he shouldt be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April then next, to answer unto Henry Downes and Philip Fiddeman of a plea that he render unto them the sum of four hundred and seventy five pounds Current money of Maryland which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains &c forth: And that thereof he the said Sheriff was not to fail at his peril and that he shouldt have then and there that Writ &c.—

At which said second Tuesday of April, towit, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, being the day for the return of the afd Writ, came here into Court the said Henry Downes & Philip Fiddeman by James Houston their Attorney and the Sheriff of Queen Anns to whom the said Writ was directed and delivered, came into Court and made return thereof thereon thus endorsed, towit: "Copy. Thos. Osborow Shff Queen Anns."

And the said William Ringgold being called appeared herein Court by Robert Wright his Attorney, and at the prayer of the said Henry & Philip was prayed to give Special Bail to this Action: Whereupon a certain William Spencer of Kent County in the State afd came here into Court in his proper person and became Bail for the said William Ringgold Junr, and granted, that if it shouldt happen that Judgment shouldt be by the Court here rendered for them the said Henry & Philip against the said William Ringgold Junr, that then as well the Debt afd,

as all such Damages, Cost & Charges which shouldt be by the said Court to the said Henry & Philip in this part awarded; of his Body, Lands & Chattels shouldt be made and to the use of the said Henry & Philip levied, if he the said William Ringgold shouldt not pay and satisfy the said Debt & Costs, or render his Body to the prison of Queen Anns County in satisfaction thereof.—

And the said Henry & Philip by their said Attorney filed their Declaration in this Cause against the said William Ringgold, which ensues as follows.

Eastern Shore State of Maryland
Queen Anns County, towit. } William Ringgold Junior late of Queen Anns County was summoned to answer unto Henry Downes and Philip Fiddeman of a plea that he render unto them the sum of four hundred and seventy five pounds Current money of Maryland, which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains &c forth.— And whereupon the said Henry Downes and Philip Fiddeman by James Houston their Attorney say that whereas the afd William Ringgold Junr on the twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledges himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Henry Downes & Philip Fiddeman in the aforesaid sum of four hundred and seventy five pounds Current money, to be paid to the said Henry Downes and Philip Fiddeman when afterwards he shouldt be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid William Ringgold Junr (altho' often thereunto required) the afd sum of four hundred and seventy five pounds to the said Henry Downes and Philip Fiddeman hath not rendered or paid but the same to them hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse; wherefore they say they are the worse and have damage to the value of Twenty pounds Current money aforesaid; and therefore they bring Suit &c forth; and bring here into Court the writing obligatory afd Sealed with the Seal of the afd William Ringgold which the Debt afd in form afd Witnesseth, the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid &c forth.

James Houston for the Plaintiffs. Pledges &c. John Doe & Richd Roe.

The writing obligatory above mentioned, ensues as follows.—