them he owes and unjustly detains &c, and that thereof he the said Sheriff was not to fail at his peril and that he should have then & there that Writ &c — At which said second Tuesday in September to wit, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, being the day for the return of the above mentioned Writ, came into our said General Court here the said George V. Mann & William Thomas by William Thomas their Attorney. And the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the said Writ was directed and delivered also came here into Court and made return thereof thereon then endorsed, Cepi. P. Reed Shff. And the said Elisha Massey being called appeared here in Court by John Scott his Attorney, and at the prayer of the said Mann & Thomas the said Elisha Massey was ruled to give Bail to this Action. Thereupon the said Elisha Massey filed here in Court the following Bail piece.

George Vansant Mann & William Thomas vs. Elisha Massey

You John Williams and Robert Roe Abbitts do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for Elisha Massey in an Action of Debt brought in the General Court by George Vansant Mann & William Thomas, against the said Elisha Massey. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this eighth day of September 1792.

Before me James Claypoole
Dan. Nicols. —

To the Judges of the General Court of the Eastern Shore, Maryland

I do hereby empower John Scott Esq. Attorney at Law to appear for me in the above Suit. — Elisha Massey. —

Thereupon by consent of the parties & their Attorneys by order of the Court thereon this Cause was Continued until the second Tuesday in April then next following. — At which said second Tuesday in April, to wit, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three, here came again the said parties by their said Attorneys: And the said Elisha Massey by his said Attorney prayed that the said Mann & Thomas might be ruled to file their declaration against him on or before the second Tuesday in September then next, or that Judgement on default thereof against the said Mann & Thomas might be rendered; and it was granted unto him: The same day was given to him the said Elisha Massey therefor. — And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday in September, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, come again into our said Court here the said parties by their Attorneys: And the said Mann & Thomas by their Attorney filed their Declaration in this Cause against the said Elisha Massey; which here ensues:

Eastern Shore of Maryland. Kent County, to wit.

Elisha Massey late of Kent County Farmer, was summoned to answer unto George Vansant Mann & William Thomas of a plea that he

render unto them the sum of Three hundred sixty two pounds, nine shillings & eight pence Current money of Maryland which to them he owes & unjustly detains, &c. — And whereupon the said George Vansant Mann & William Thomas by William Fitzhugh their Attorney say that whereas the aforesaid Elisha Massey on the fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two at the 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 and firmly bound unto the aforesaid Mann & Thomas in the sum of Three hundred & sixty two pounds, nine shillings & eight pence Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Mann & Thomas when thereto afterwards he should be required. Yet the said Elisha (altho' often thereto afterwards required) the sum of money aforesaid to the said Mann & Thomas hath not paid, but the same to them to pay hath hitherto altogether refused & still doth refuse, to the damage of the said Mann & Thomas five hundred pounds, Current money of Maryland and therefore they bring Suit &c. —

Wm Fitzhugh — Pledges &c. — John Doe. — Richd Roe. —

The writing obligatory above mentioned here ensues.

Know all Men by these presents that I Elisha Massey of Kent County and State of Maryland, Farmer, am held and firmly bound unto George Vansant Mann and William Thomas of the County & State aforesaid Merchants, in the sum of Three hundred and sixty two pounds, nine shillings & eight pence good and lawful money of the State of Maryland, to be paid to the said Mann & Thomas or to their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns; To the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I do bind myself my heirs, Executors, Admrs., jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal and dated this fourteenth day of May one thousand seven hundred seven hundred and ninety two — 1792.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Elisha Massey his heirs, Executors, Admrs. or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Mann & Thomas or to their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, the just & full sum of One hundred & eighty one pounds, four shillings and ten pence like money aforesaid on or before the twentyeighth day of August next ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest thereon without any fraud or other delay then the above Obligation to be void or else to be premain in full force & virtue in Law. —

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence of Jonathan Page. — Elisha Massey (Seal)