Wm Pratt vs. The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County
Greeting We Command you that you take William Griffith late of
Queen Anne's County Planter Executor of the William Griffith late of Queen
Anne's County Farmer if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep
so 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 next to answer unto Henry Pratt
of a plea that he render unto him the sum of five hundred and thirty five pounds
two shillings and five pence current Money which to him he owes and justly
him unjustly detains &c. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then
and there this Writ. Witness the honorable Nicholas Brewington Esquire chief
Judge of our said Court the 19th day of April Anno Domini 1796
Issued the 17th day of August 1796 James Earle Jun. Clk
At which said said second Tuesday of September Anno Domini 1796
comes hereunto Court the said Henry Pratt using no Attorney and the Sheriff
of Queen Anne's County to whom the said Writ was directed, makes return
thereof to the said Court the same endorsed to wit "Cepi Phil. C. Clark Sheriff of
Q. A. County" Whereupon comes hereunto Court the said William Griffith by
Robert Wright his Attorney and defends the force and injury when &c. and the said
Henry Pratt declares in this plea as follows to wit Eastern Shore of Maryland
Queen Anne's County to wit William Griffith late of Queen Anne's County Farmer
was commanded to answer unto Henry Pratt of a plea that he render unto him
the sum of five hundred and thirty five pounds two shillings and five pence cur-
rent Money which to him he owes and unjustly and from him unjustly detains &c.
And Whereupon the same Henry Pratt in his own proper person
says that the same William Griffith on the twenty first day of January in the
year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and ninety six at the County aforesaid by his certain
writing Obligatory sealed with his seal and here into Court now brought to the
same Henry the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid acknowledged
himself to be held and firmly bound unto the same Henry in the aforesaid sum of
five hundred and thirty five pounds two shillings &c. current Money of
Maryland to be paid to the said Henry when ever after he the same William
should be thereunto required, to the payment whereof well and truly to be made and
done the same William bound himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators
firmly by the said Writing Obligatory Nevertheless the same William at the
times often required the aforesaid sum of Money or any part thereof unto the same
Henry yet hath not rendered or paid, but the same or any part thereof to render
or pay hitherto he refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said Henry
One thousand pounds current Money of Maryland; and therefore he brings his
suit &c. Henry Pratt for himself Pledges &c. John Doe
Richard Roe

The Writing Obligatory mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration follows in these words
to wit Know all Men by these presents that we William Griffith and Samuel

Griffith of Queen Anne's County Farmers are held and firmly bound unto Henry Pratt
Merchant of the County aforesaid in the full and just sum of five hundred and thirty five pounds
two shillings and five pence current Money to be paid unto the said Henry Pratt or to his
certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns for which payment to be well and
truly made We bind ourselves and each of us by himself for and in the Whole our
Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals this
twenty first day of January Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety
six The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden William
Griffith and Samuel Griffith do either of them their or either of their Heirs
Executors or Administrators do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto
Henry Pratt or to his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns
the full and just sum of two hundred and sixty seven pounds Seven shillings
and two pence half penny current Money aforesaid with the legal Interest for the
same Then this Obligation to be void Otherwise to remain in full force and
Virtue in Law William Griffith (Seal)
Sealed and Delivered in the Samuel Griffith (Seal)
presence of Sam. Werch Jr. —

Whereupon the said William Griffith by his Attorney aforesaid says that he cannot deny the
action of him the said Henry Pratt so aforesaid against him brought nor can he deny
but that he owes unto him the sum of five hundred and thirty five pounds two shillings
and five pence current Money in manner & form as above against him complained
Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Henry Pratt do recover against
the said William Griffith the aforesaid sum of five hundred and thirty five pounds two shil-
lings and five pence current Money in form aforesaid confessed and also the Quantity of
five hundred and forty one pounds of Tobacco which were adjudged by the Court
unto the said Henry on his Agent, for his Cost and Charges by him about his suit in
this behalf laid out and expended, and the said William Griffith in mercy and
&c. forgiven James Earle Jun. Clk
Judgment was Entered on the 10th day of September Anno Domini aforesaid
for Penalty &c. to be released on the Payment of Principal Interest and Costs
Payment if any to be Allowed.

Barney Force
against
Thomas Ringgold } Be it Remembered that on the day Barney Force pro-
} ceeded and duly sworn out of the General Court the following
} Writ against Thomas Ringgold to wit The State
of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting We command you that
you take Thomas Ringgold late of Kent County if he shall be found in your Baili-
wick, and him safe keep so 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 instant
to answer unto Barney Force of a plea that he render unto him the sum and full
sum of two hundred and eighty seven pounds, nineteen shillings and three pence current
Money of Maryland which to him he owes and justly detains &c.
Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness