justly detains and detains, and that he should not fail and then and there have this Writ &c. And at time of suing forth of the above Writ the said Alexander Lawrence declared in the plea &c. as follows, to wit Eastern Shore State of Maryland Queen Anns County to wit Thomas Lea Junior late of Queen Anns County Merchant otherwise called Thomas Lea Jr. of Queen Anns County Maryland Merchant was summoned to answer unto Alexander Lawrence Esq. of a plea that he render unto him the sum of three hundred and forty three pounds nine Shillings and two pence current Money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and detains. And whereupon the said Alexander by William Hemsley Junior his Attorney says that whereas the said Thomas Lea Junior on the twenty fifth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory aforesaid Acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Alexander in the aforesaid sum of three hundred and forty three pounds nine Shillings and two pence current Money to be paid to him the said Alexander Lawrence when afterwards he the said Thomas should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the said Thomas (at the Time aforesaid required the aforesaid sum of Money to him the said Alexander he hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him the said Alexander to render or pay he the said Thomas hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of him the said Alexander in the sum of five hundred pounds, Current Money and therefore he brings suit and demands Damages &c. into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the said Thomas Lea Junr. which the Deft. acknowledges to be his Deed the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid &c. and demands &c.

Wm. Hemsley for the Plaintiff Pledges &c. John Doe Richard Roe

The Condition of the Obligation mentioned in the above Declaration in the following Words to wit Know all Men by these Presents that I Thomas Lea of Queen Anns County in the State of Maryland Merchant am held and firmly bound unto Alexander Lawrence Esq. of Philadelphia Merchant in the sum of three hundred and forty three pounds nine Shillings and two pence current Money to be paid to the said Alexander Lawrence his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents sealed with my seal and dated this twenty fifth day of June in the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety three The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas Lea his Heirs Executors and Administrators do and shall well and truly

pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Alexander Lawrence his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and true sum of One hundred and seventy one pounds fourteen Shillings and seven pence current Money with Legal Interest from the date hereof then this Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law. Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Thomas Lea Jr. (Seal)

John Hunter

A Copy of which said Declaration & Bond were sent together with the Writ to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County aforesaid, endorsed there unto to be served on the defendant or left at his place of abode, &c. which said second Tuesday of September Anno Domini 1796 comes hereinto Court the said Alexander Lawrence by William Hemsley his Attorney &c. and the Sheriff of Queen Anns County to whom the said Writ was directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit "Copi left Thomas Dixon Shff. of Q. A. County" Whereupon comes hereinto Court the said Thomas Lea Junr. by Robert Wright and defends the force and injury when &c. And at the prayer of the said Alexander Lawrence by his Attorney the said Thomas Lea Junr. was ruled by the Court to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid or be committed &c. Whereupon the Thomas Lea by his Attorney filed herein Court a certain Bail piece which being approved of follows to wit to wit. We Francis Knight and John Watts do jointly and severally acknowledge ourselves special Bail for the said Thomas Lea in the suit of the said Alexander Lawrence in an Action of Debt brought by the said Alexander Lawrence against the said Thomas Lea in the Genl. Court they acknowledge themselves to be Bound therein this seventh day of September 1796 Ed. Downes Ass. Ennaryr.

Whereupon the said Alexander by his Attorney prays that the said Thomas should answer to the Declaration in the plea aforesaid upon which the said Thomas was ruled by the Court to answer to the Declaration of him the said Alexander or Judgment &c. And the said Thomas by his Attorney prays leave of the Court to imparle unto the next Court, and hath it, the same day is given to the said Alexander then &c. At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini 1797 comes again the parties by their Attorneys &c. and the said Thomas by his Attorney prays further leave of the Court here to further imparle unto the next Court then to answer &c. And he hath it, the same day is given to the said Alexander then &c. At which said next Court to wit, the second Tuesday of September Anno Domini 1797 comes here again into Court the parties