himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said the said James in the aforesaid sum of Two hundred & thirty pounds & ten shillings Current money of Maryland to be paid to him the said James when thereto afterwards he should be required. Nevertheless the said Edward the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof unto him the said James yet hath not rendered or paid (altho' thereto often required) but the same to him to render or pay hitherto altogether hath refused & still doth refuse to the damage of the said James three hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland & thereupon he brings suit &c. Pledges &c. I Doe & R Roe.

Maryland Sct. Know all men by these presents that I Edward Jones of Somerset County & State aforesaid am held & firmly bound to James Shaw of Dorchester County & State aforesaid Gentleman in the full & just sum of Two hundred & thirty pounds ten shillings Current Money of the State aforesaid to be paid to the said James Shaw his certain Attorney his Heirs Executors or Administrators or Assigns to the which payment well & truely to be made & done I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this twenty fourth day of August Seventeen hundred & eighty seven. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Edward Jones his Heirs Executors or Administrators do or shall well and truely pay to the said James Shaw his Certain Attorney his Heirs or Assigns the just & full sum of One hundred & fifteen pounds five shillings Specie with legal Interest thereon from the date aforesaid then the above obligation to be void and of no effect else to be of force.

Edward Jones (Seal)

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of
James Riley Stevens William Jones.

And whereupon the said Edward Jones by his Attorney aforesaid comes & defends the force & injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the next Court to be held at Princess Anne Town the second Monday in November then next following. And he hath it and the same day is given to the aforesaid James Shaw here also &c. At which said second Monday in November came the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Edward by Benjamin Dashiell his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c. & saith and says that the said James his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not, because he says that he the said Edward paid to him the same James the sum of money mentioned in the Condition of the said Writing Obligatory with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the same writing Obligatory to wit at Somerset County aforesaid and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said James his Action aforesaid against him to have and maintain ought &c. &c.

Benjn. Dashiell for Deft.

And hereupon the said Edward Jones produced to the Justices of the County Court aforesaid in Court Judicially sitting a Writ of Habeas Corpus the tenor whereof is as follows Viz.

The State of Maryland ss. To the Justices and Sheriff of Somerset County Greeting. Whereas a certain Edward Jones late of Somerset County Planter is detained in the Prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the Suit of a Certain James Shaw of a plea of Debt, which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices, undetermined, and we being willing for divers Causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court, therefore we Command you that you have the body of the said Edward Jones by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the Cause of his Caption, and detention, and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State in Talbot County at the Court house in the same County the second Tuesday of April next, that our said Judges of our said

Court may further proceed therein as to justice appertains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then there this Writ. Witness the Honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court this eleventh day of September Anno Domini 1792. Issued the 19th day of September Anno Domini 1792. (B.D.) James Earle Clk.

And whereupon the said Court allowed of the writ of Habeas Corpus aforesaid, and ordered that the record and proceedings in the plea aforesaid be transmitted to the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland &c. Test Thomas Hayward Jr. Clk. of Somt. Cty.

In Testimony that the above and within record is a true copy taken from the records remaining in the Clerks office of Somerset County. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office this fifth day of January Anno Dom. 1794. Thomas Hayward Jr. Clk of Somt. Cty.

On the Back of the said Habeas Corpus was also thus endorsed, to wit: "Somerset County Court, In obedience to the within Writ, we the Justices and Sheriff within named do hereby Certify to the Honble the Judges of the General Court, for the Eastern Shore of this State that we send the body of the within named Edward Jones together with the Cause of his Caption and detention and all things thereto relating as appears by a certain record to this Writ annexed as we are commanded &c.

Test Thomas Hayward Jr. Clk Somt. Cty.

At which said second Tuesday of April in the year Seventeen hundred & ninety three, being the day mentioned for the return of the aforesaid writ of Habeas Corpus, here came into Court as well the said James Shaw by Gustavus Scott his Attorney, as the said Edward Jones by Benjamin Dashiell his Attorney, and thereupon the process of and upon the premisses between the parties aforesaid by the Court here was continued until the second Tuesday of September then next following. At which said second Tuesday of September in the year Seventeen hundred & ninety three, here came again into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, whereupon the process aforesaid was further continued by the Court until the second Tuesday of April then next following. —

And now at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of April in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety four, here come again into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Edward Jones by his Attorney aforesaid, defends the wrong & injury when &c. &c. and relinquishing the averment above by him pretended, says that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid, so as against him brought, nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the deed of him the said Edward Jones, nor but that he owes to him the said James Shaw the aforesaid sum of Two hundred and thirty pounds ten shillings Current money of Maryland in manner & form as the said James Shaw above against him hath complained: Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said James Shaw do recover against the said Edward Jones the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, as also the quantity of Nine hundred and fifty five 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 James Shaw by the Court here with his assent adjudged &c. And the said Edward Jones in mercy &c. &c. &c.

James Earle jun. Clk

Judgment the 10th day of April in the year 1794. To be released on payt. of Princl. Int. & Costs. Stay of Execution till next Court. Plaintiff agrees that the Cause of Action Acc. before the Defts discharge under Insv. Act. —