State of Maryland Kent County, to wit. Joseph Brown late of Kent County Planter, was summoned to answer unto James Ringgold of a plea that he render unto him the sum of Two hundred & forty seven pounds, seven shillings and seven pence Current Money of Maryland which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said James Ringgold by James Houston his Attorney says that whereas the aforesaid Joseph Brown on the eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine at Kent County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said James Ringgold in the aforesaid sum of Two hundred & forty seven pounds seven shillings & six pence to be paid to the said James Ringgold when afterwards he should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph Brown (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Two hundred & forty seven pounds seven shillings & six pence to the said James Ringgold hath not hitherto paid but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse; wherefore he says he is the worse and hath damage to the value of ten pounds money as aforesaid, and therefore bring suit and so forth; and bring here into Court the Writing Obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the Seal of the def. Joseph Brown which the Debt aforesaid in form aff. witneseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. James Houston for the Plaintiff — Pledges and so forth { John Doe and Richard Roe"

Copy of the Writing obligatory aff. ensues in manner & form following to wit: Maryland. "Know all men by these presents, that we Joseph Brown & George Brown both of Kent County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto James Ringgold of the same place in the full and just sum of Two hundred & forty seven pounds seven shillings & six pence Current money, to be paid to the said James Ringgold his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns: To which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves jointly & severally our Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this eleventh day of April Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine — The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Joseph Brown & George Brown or either of them do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid, unto the said James Ringgold certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns the just and full sum of One hundred & twenty, three pounds thirteen shillings & nine pence with legal interest for the same; then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law. —

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of William Shield. — Jos Brown (Seal) George Brown (Seal)

And the said Joseph Brown by his Attorney aff. defends the wrong & injury when &c. and says that he cannot gainsay the Action aff. of the said James Ringgold as against him brought, nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory aff. is the deed of him the said Joseph Brown, nor but that he owe to the said James Ringgold the aff. sum of Two hundred and forty seven pounds seven shillings and six pence Current Money of Maryland in manner and form as the said James against him hath complained. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said James Ringgold do recover against the said Joseph Brown the Debt aff. in form aff. acknowledged as also the quantity of ten hundred and twenty nine pounds of Tobacco as well for his Damages which he hath sustained by reason of the detention of that Debt as for his Cost and Charges by him about this Suit in this behalf expended: Unto the said James Ringgold by the Court here

with his assent adjudged &c. And the said Joseph Brown in mercy &c. Judgement was rendered on the twelfth day of April in the year Seventeen hundred & ninety four: To be released on the payment of the Principal Interest & Costs. Stay Execution till next Court. Payments if any to be allowed —

James Earle jun. Clk.

John Galloway, for use of Michael Earle against John Sutton — The Plaintiff by his Attorney impleaded the State writ of Capias ad respondendum the tenor whereof ensues as follows, to wit: The State of Maryland, &c. To the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting, We command you that you take John Sutton late of Kent 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 April next, to answer unto John Galloway of a plea that he render unto him the sum of five hundred and seventeen pounds one shilling and six pence current money of Maryland which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the eleventh day of September Anno Domini 1792.

James Earle jun. Clk.

Issued the 21st day of February 1793. (Ms.)

At which said second Tuesday of April, in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety three being the day of the return of the aff. writ, the Sheriff of the County aff. to whom the same writ was directed, made return thereof to the Court here, with the following return endorsed thereon to wit, "Copi Bi Bipiece Phil. Reed Shff." Whereupon came here into Court, as well the said John Galloway by William Pitghrian his Attorney as the said John Sutton by James Houston his Attorney, thereupon the persons mentioned in the aff. Bailpiece returned with the writ aff. being approved of as special bail for the said John Sutton in the action aff. by the said Plaintiff's Attorney, the same Bail piece was accordingly accepted, ensues as follows, viz.

"John Galloway Plff. against John Sutton Defr. — You Morgan Brown and John Ralph do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said John Sutton at the suit of the said John Galloway in an Action of debt brought by the said John Galloway against the said John Sutton in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 22 day of March 1793. To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court. — before James Claypoole, Abraham Ridgely.

I do hereby impower James Houston to appear for me in the above Action Jn. Sutton".

Thereupon the process of and upon the premises between the parties aff. was continued by the Court here until the second Tuesday of September then next following. At which said second Tuesday of September in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety three, here came again into Court the parties aff. by their Attorneys aff., whereupon the said John Galloway by his Attorney aff. filed his Declaration in the plea aff. against the said John Sutton, which ensues in manner and form following to wit: —

"Eastern Shore of Maryland Kent County, ss. — John Sutton late of Kent County Farmer, was summoned to answer unto John Galloway of a plea that he render unto him the sum of five hundred & seventeen pounds, one shilling & six pence current Money of Maryland, which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains & so forth. —

And whereupon the said John Galloway