that whereas the aforesaid James and John, on the fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine at Kent County aforesaid by their certain Writing obligatory with their seal sealed and to the Court now here shewn whose date is the same day and year aft. acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said Philip in the just sum of eight hundred pounds Current money of Maryland to be paid to the said Philip when they the said James and John should be thereunto afterwards required. Nevertheless the said James and John (altho often thereunto required) have not nor have either of them paid the said sum of Eight hundred pounds Current money or any part thereof to the said Philip, but have altogether refused to pay him the same, and still do refuse to pay the same to the said Philip, wherefore the said Philip saith he is injured and hath damage to the value of sixteen hundred pounds Current money aforesaid, and thereupon he brings suit &c. (John Doe

Pl. Costs. Pl. Eff. — Pledges &c. Rich. Roe.

Copy of the Writing obligatory and the Condition thereto annexed is in the following words, to wit

"Maryland ss. Know all men by these presents that we James Ringgold and John Ringgold held and firmly bound unto Philip Richard Tendall in the full and just sum of eight hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said Philip Richard Tendall his certain Attorney, Executors or Administrators. To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound James Ringgold and John Ringgold do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Philip Richard Tendall his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of four hundred pounds current money as aforesaid on or before the fourteenth day of May 1792 & 1793. with legal Interest thereon then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in Law. J. Ringgold (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Thomas Whittington — John Ringgold (Seal)

Copies of the aforegoing Declaration & Bond were made and sent with the writ in the plea aft. to be served on the Defendants &c. for plea or Judgment the first Term. —

At which said second Tuesday of April in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety three being the day of the return of the aft. writ, the Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid to whom the same Court was directed made return thereof to the Court here with the following endorsement endorsed thereon, to wit, "Cepi Corpora Phil Reed Shff." — Whereupon came here into Court as well the said Philip R Tendall by his Attorney aft. as the said James & John, by William Pitchman their Attorney and thereupon the process of & upon the promises between the parties aft. was continued by the Court here until the second Tuesday of September then next following. — At which said second Tuesday of September, here came again into Court the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. and thereupon at the prayer of the said Philip by his said Attorney it was ruled by the Court that the said James & John should file their plea in assistance to the Declaration of the said Philip by the second Tuesday of April then next. The same day was also given to the Parties aft. then &c. in faith. —

And now here at this day to wit the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini

One thousand seven hundred and ninety four, came again into Court the Parties aft. by their and the said James Ringgold and John Ringgold by their Attorney aft. defend the wrong and injury when &c. for saith, and say they cannot gainsay the action of the said Philip R Tendall as was against them brought, nor can they deny but that the writing obligatory aft. is the deed of them the said James and John, nor but that they owe to the said Philip R Tendall the aforesaid sum of eight hundred pounds current money in manner and form as the said Philip against them hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Philip Richard Tendall do recover against the said James Ringgold & John Ringgold as well the debt aft. in form aft. acknowledged, as also the quantity of six hundred and twenty three pounds of Tobacco, as well for his Damage which he hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended: And to the said Philip Richard Tendall by the Court here with his assent adjudged &c. And the said James & John in mercy &c. —

Judgment was rendered in this action on the eleventh day of April in the year 1794. To be released on the payment of the principal, Interest and Costs. Stay execution till next Court payments if any to be allowed — Test James Earle jun. Clk.

James Somervell & William Duguid against James Ringgold (a)

The Plaintiffs by William Cooke their Attorney impetrated the State writ of Capias ad respondendum, the tenor whereof follows in manner & form following, to wit: "The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting, We command you that you take James Ringgold late of Kent County Gentleman 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 James Somervell and William Duguid in a plea of Trespass on the Case 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 Dominii 1792.

Issued the 26th day of February 1793. Test. James Earle jun. Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April in the year fourteen hundred and ninety three, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Sheriff of Kent County aft. to whom the same writ was directed came and made return thereof to the Court here with the following return endorsed thereon, to wit: "Cepi Robert Reed Shff." And thereupon came here into Court as well the said James Somervell and William Duguid by their Attorney aft. as the said James Ringgold by William Pitchman his Attorney, and the said Plaintiffs by their Attorney aft. filed their Declaration in the plea aft. against the said Defendant which issues in manner and form following, to wit: "Eastern Shore State of Maryland Kent County ss. James Ringgold late of Kent County Gentleman was summoned to answer unto James Somervell and William Duguid in a plea of Trespass on the Case and so forth. — And whereupon the said James Somervell and William Duguid by William Cooke their Attorney complain that whereas the aforesaid James Ringgold being a person trading Merchandizing and using Commerce within this State, to wit, at Kent County aforesaid did on the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy two, at the County aforesaid according to the Usage and Customs of Merchants in Great Britain and this State time out of mind