Court, Commanding them to have the Body of the Said William together with the Cause of his Caption and detention in a certain Action brought against him by Peter Peterson & George Taylor of Debt, before them the second Tuesday of April then next following; At which Said second Tuesday of April Seventeen hundred and ninety five, the Justices of Somerset County Court afs in Compliance with the Said Writ, Transmitted to our General Court here the following Record annexed to the Said Writ, to wit, "In the Records and Proceedings of Somerset County Court it is contained as follows, to wit, Somerset County, to wit, At County Court held at Princess Anne Town in & for the County afs, the second Tuesday in November (being the tenth day of the same Month Anno Dom One thousand Seven hundred and ninety four by the Justices of the County Court afs according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided &c.

The Honorable { John Done Esquire Chief Justice; John Gale, Levin Gale } Esquires Associate Justices.

George Robertson Sheriff

Peterson & Taylor } Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he Should take William E Hitch
vs } late of Somerset County Planter if he Should be
William E Hitch } found in his Bailiwick and him Safe Keep so that he might have his Body before us at Princess Anne Town the second Monday in November Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and ninety three to answer unto Peterson and Taylor of a plea that he render unto them the Sum of Sixty one pounds eight Shillings and twopence current Money of Maryland which to them he owed and unjustly detains and so forth, and that he should have there then this Writ &c. At which said second Monday in November in the year afs came the afs Peterson & Taylor by John Holbrook their Attorney and the Sheriff to wit, George Robertson Sheriff of the County afs returned that he had taken the afs William E Hitch whose Body he had here ready to answer unto the afs Peterson & Taylor of the Plea afs as to him it was Commanded &c. And hereupon the afs Peterson & Taylor declared against the Said William E Hitch in the plea afs in form following, to wit, Somerset County Sc. William E Hitch late of Somerset County planter was Summoned to answer unto Peterson & Taylor of a plea that he render unto them the Sum of Sixty one pounds eight Shillings and twopence current Money of Maryland which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And Whereupon the Said Peterson & Taylor by John Holbrook their Attorney say that Whereas the afs William E Hitch on the ninth day of February Seventeen hundred and ninety three at Somerset County afs by his certain Bill Obligatory promised to pay or cause to be paid unto Peterson & Taylor or order the Sum of Sixty one pounds eight Shillings and twopence current lawfull Money of the State of Maryland with legal Interest

from the date hereof to be paid to them the Said Peterson & Taylor when he the said William E Hitch should be thereunto afterwards required. Nevertheless the said William E Hitch altho often thereunto required afterwards to wit, on the day and year afs and often since that time the afs sum of Money with legal Interest thereon or any part thereof to them the Said Peterson & Taylor hath not paid, but the same to pay hitherto hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the Said Peterson & Taylor One hundred pounds current Money of Maryland and therefore they bring Suit and so forth. And bring here into Court the Bill Obligatory afs dated with the Seal of the Said William E Hitch which the Debt afs in form afs Witnesseth the date whereof is on the day and year afs and so forth.

John Doe & Rich. Roe Pledges &c.

Which Bill Obligatory afs is contained in the words and figures following, to wit, I promise to pay or cause to be paid to Peterson & Taylor or order the Sum of Sixty one pounds eight Shillings and two pence current lawfull Money of the State of Maryland with legal Interest from the date, As Witness my hand and Seal this ninth day February AD 1793. William E Hitch (Seal)

Witness present Thos. Huston.

Whereupon the Said William E Hitch at the prayer of the afs Peterson & Taylor is adjudged to give Special Bail to the Writ afs, Thereupon a certain William Ellegood being present here in Court in his proper Person undertook for the Said William and assumed upon himself that if it should happen that Judgment in the plea afs should be rendered for the Said Peterson & Taylor against the afs William, or that the Said William should be therein convicted that then he the Said William should pay and satisfy unto them the Said Peterson & Taylor the Judgment of the Court thereupon or render his Body in Execution of such Judgment to the Prison of the Sheriff of the County afs in Satisfaction thereof or that he the Said William Ellegood would do the same for him &c. Whereupon the Said William E Hitch puts in his place Benjamin Dashiell his Attorney at Law against the afs Peterson & Taylor in the plea afs and by his Said Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c and prays leave to imparle until the next Court to be held at Princess Anne Town the third Monday in May then next following and he hath it, and the same day is given to the afs Peterson & Taylor there also &c. At which said third Monday in May come the Parties afs by their Attornies afs and hereupon the Said William E Hitch as before comes and defends the force & injury when &c and prays leave to imparle until the next Court, and he hath it, the same day is given to the Said Peterson & Taylor there &c. At which said second Monday in November came the Parties afs by their Attornies afs and the afs Peterson & Taylor by their Attorney afs say that they by any thing by the Said William above in pleading alleged ought not to be barred from having their Action in manner and form afs against him the Said William because they say that the Sum of Money mentioned in the Said Writing Obligatory with legal Interest thereon according to the force form