take Thomas 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 September instant, to answer unto Thomas Anderson and Robert Anderson of a plea that he render unto them the sum of three hundred and seventy five pounds Current money which to them he owes and 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 8th day of April Anno Domini 1796. Issued the 2d day of September 1796. Test James Earle Junr Clk.

At which said second Tuesday in September in the year Seventeen hundred Ninety four, being the day of the return of the foregoing writ, here came into Court the said Thomas & Robert Anderson, by James Houston their Attorney, and the Sheriff of Kent County to whom the same writ was directed made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit "Cepi P Reed Shff" Whereupon the said Philip Reed Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid being solemnly called on to bring into Court here the body of the said Thomas Ringgold, according to the exigence of the writ aforesaid & the tenor of his return, did not bring in the same but therein made default, wherefore it was ruled by the Court here that the said Philip Reed Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid should be amerced, forfeit & pay to the State of Maryland the sum of five pounds Current money, unless he should have the body of the said Thomas Ringgold, in Court here on the second Tuesday of April then next. The same day was given to the said Thomas & Robert Anderson then and so forth —

At which said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini Seventeen hundred Ninety five, here came again into Court the said Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid, and the said Philip Reed Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid, being again solemnly called upon to bring into Court the body of the said Thomas Ringgold, according to the aforesaid rule of Court & save his Amercement, accordingly brought in the same, and the said Thomas Ringgold put in his place Robert Wright his Attorney, whereupon at the prayer of the said Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid, It was ruled by the Court here that the said Thomas Ringgold should give special bail in the plea aforesaid: And thereupon a certain Philip Reed of Kent County came here before the Judges of our said Court in his proper person & became Bailes & Mainucaptor for the said Thomas Ringgold, that if it should happen that Judgment by the Court here for the said Thomas & Robert Anderson against the said Thomas Ringgold in the plea aforesaid should be rendered. Then the said Philip Reed granted that as well the debt aforesaid, as all such Damages, Costs & Charges as should be so adjudged of his body, goods & chattels, lands & tenements should be made & levied for the use of the said Thomas & Robert Anderson, unless the said Thomas Ringgold the same Debt, Damages, Costs & Charges unto the said Plaintiffs should pay & satisfy or his body in execution of such Judgment to the public prison of Kent County aforesaid render. Thereupon the proceed upon the premises between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here thereon was continued till the second Tuesday of September then next — At which said second Tuesday of September, here came again into Court the Parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Thomas & Robert Anderson by their said Attorney, filed their Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Thos. Ringgold which concerning said

Eastern Shore of Maryland Kent County to wit Thomas Ringgold late of Kent County Gentleman was summoned to answer unto Thomas Anderson and Robert Anderson of a plea that he render unto them the sum of three hundred and seventy five pounds current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth — And whereupon the said

Thomas Anderson & Robert Anderson by James Houston their Attorney say that whereas the said Thomas Ringgold on the fourteenth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, at Kent County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory sealed with the seal of the said Thomas Ringgold and to the Court now here shewn whose date is the day and year aforesaid, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Thomas & Robert in the aforesaid sum of three hundred & seventy five pounds current money to be paid to the said Thomas & Robert when afterwards he should be thereto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Thomas Ringgold altho' often required the aforesaid sum of money to the said Thomas & Robert hath not rendered or paid but the same hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore they say they are the worse and have damage to the value of ten pounds current money aforesaid, and therefore bring suit &c.

James Houston for Plffs Pledges to John Doe & Richd Roe — Copy of the Bond &c.

"Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Ringgold of Chester Town, Kent County and State of Maryland am held & firmly bounden unto Thomas & Robert Anderson or to their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns. To which payment well & truly to be made I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal. Dated the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety four — The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas Ringgold his Heirs Executors Administrators or any of them shall do well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Thomas & Robert Anderson or to their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just sum of one hundred & ninety nine pounds fifteen shillings & six pence one farthing currency without any fraud or further delay then the above obligation to be void or else to be & remain in full force & virtue — Thomas Ringgold (Seal) Sealed & delivered in the presence of Thomas Anderson Junr" — Whereupon at the the prayer of the said Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court here that the said Defendant should file his plea in answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Plaintiffs by the second Tuesday of April then next &c. The same day was given to the said Parties there & so forth —

And now here at this day, to wit The second Tuesday of April in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety six, come here again into Court, the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Thomas Ringgold by his Attorney aforesaid, defends the wrong & injury when &c and says, that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid of the said Thomas & Robert Anderson, so as against him brought, nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the deed of him the said Thomas Ringgold, nor but that he owes to them the aforesaid sum of three hundred & seventy five pounds current money of Maryland in manner & form as they against him have complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Thomas Anderson and Robert Anderson recover against the said Thomas Ringgold, the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, and also the quantity of six hundred and thirty one pounds of Tobacco, for their Costs and Charges by them about their suit in this behalf expended: And the said Thomas & Robert Anderson by the Court here with their assent adjudged &c — And the said Thomas Ringgold in mercy &c.

James Earle junr Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 14th day of April, in the year 1796.

For Penalty Ds. To be released on payment of Principal, Interest & Costs. Payments if any to be allowed — no stay —