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 General Court may further proceed therein as to justice appertains 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 this 8th day of September Anno Domini 1794.

Issued the 11th day of November Anno Domini 1794. (R.W.) James Earle jun.r Clk.

Which being read and heard the same is by the Court allowed and ordered by the same Court that the Cause of the caption and detention of the said John S Blake together with the record and proceedings relating to the same be accordingly transmitted before the honorable the Judges of the General Court at their Court held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton on the second Tuesday of April instant that the said Judges may further proceed therein as to justice appertains &c. —

Queen Anns County, to wit. I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the record and proceedings of Queen Anns County Court (Seal of Q.A.C.) In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of Queen Anns County Court this seventh day of April Anno Domini 1795. Sam.l Wright Clk. Queen Anns County Court.

Whereupon the afs John Sayer Blake by Robert Wright his Attorney came here into court & defends the wrong and injury when and so forth. And thereupon at the prayer of the said Plaintiffs by their Attorney afs it was ruled by the Court here that the said John S Blake shall file his plea in answer to the Declaration of the said Plaintiffs by the second Tuesday of September then next & so forth. The same day was given to the Parties afs then & so forth. — At which said second Tuesday of September, in the year Seventeen hundred & ninety five, here came again into Court the Parties afs by their Attorneys afs, and the said Defendant by his Attorney filed in Court his plea in answer to the declaration of the said Plaintiffs, which issues in a manner & form, to wit.

"John Sayer Blake als Robert Walters & others } And the said John Sayer Blake by Robert Wright his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c. and prays a hearing of the writing obligatory afs, and he has it he also prays a hearing of the condition of the same Writing Obligatory and he hath it, which being read and heard the same John Sayer Blake saith that the said Robert Walters, Philip Fiddeman, Samuel Wright Thomas and Richard Tilghman Earle their Action afs against him to have or maintain ought not, because he saith that he the same John after making the writing obligatory afs and before the institution of the original writ, of them the said Robert, Philip, Samuel and Richard, to wit on the first day of January one thousand seven hundred & ninety three paid unto the afs Robert, Philip, Samuel & Richard the afs sum of One hundred pounds current money in the same Condition above mentioned with legal interest thereon according to the form & effect of the same Condition, to wit at Queen Anns County afs, and this he is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment if the same Robert, Philip, Samuel & Richard their Action aforesaid against him the same John to have or maintain ought &c. Robert Wright pro Def."

Whereupon the process of and upon the premises between the parties afs, was by order of the Court continued till the second Tuesday of April then next following. —

And now at this day, to wit. The second Tuesday of April, in the year Seventeen hundred & ninety six, here come again into Court the parties afs by their Attorneys afs, and the said John S Blake by his Attorney defends the wrong & injury when & so forth, & relinquishing his averment above by him in pleading pretended, says that he cannot gainsay the action of them the said Robert Walters, Philip Fiddeman, Samuel Wright Thomas, and Richard Tilghman Earle, so against him brought, nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory afs is the deed of him the said John, nor but that he owes unto them the said Robert, Philip, Samuel & Richard the afs sum of two hundred pounds current money in manner and form as they have against him Complained: Therefore it is Considered

by the Court here that the said Robert, Walters, Philip, Fiddeman, Samuel Wright Thomas & Richard Tilghman Earle surviving obligees afs recover against the said John Sayer Blake as well the debt afs in form afs acknowledged, as also the quantity of pounds of Tobacco, for the costs & charges by them about their suit in this behalf expended. Unto the said Robert, Philip, Samuel & Richard by the Court here with their assent adjudged &c. And the said John S Blake in mercy &c. — James Earle jun.r Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this action on the 15th day of April in the year 1796. For penalty & costs, to be released on payment of the Principal, Interest & Costs. Payments if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till next Term. —

Walter Stewart surv.g Partner of Alexander Nesbit against Emory Sudler Jun.r

Be it remembered that the Plaintiff by Michael Earle his Attorney impetrated out of the General Court, the State's writ of capias ad respondendum, which issues, to wit. — The State of Maryland, &c. To the Sheriff of Queen Anns County, Greeting. We command you that you take Emory Sudler Junior late of Queen Anns County Merchant, otherwise called Emory Sieder Jun.r of Queen Anns County 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 Walter Stewart surviving partner of Alexander Nesbit of a plea that he render unto him the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds current money of Maryland which to him he owes & from him unjustly detains &c. & 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 September Anno Domini 1794. Issued the 4th day of March 1795. (M.E.) James Earle Jun.r Clk.

And the said Walter Stewart by his Attorney afs, affiled his Declaration in the plea afs against the said Emory Sudler, which thus insues, to wit. "Eastern Shore of Maryland Queen Anns County ss. Emory Sudler Jun.r late of Queen Anns County Merchant, otherwise called Emory Sudler Jun.r of Queen Anns County, was summoned to answer unto Walter Stewart surviving partner of Alexander Nesbit of a plea that he render unto him the sum of three hundred and eighty pounds current money of Maryland which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Walter Stewart by Michael Earle his Attorney says that whereas the said Emory Sudler Jun.r on the thirty first day of August Seventeen hundred and ninety one at Queen Anns County afs by his certain Bill obligatory, with his seal sealed and to the Court here shewn the date whereof is the day & year afs, acknowledge himself to owe & stand justly indebted unto the said Walter Stewart and a certain Alexander Nesbit since deceased and whom the said Walter hath survived in the life time of the said Alexander in the afs sum of three hundred and eighty pounds current money of Maryland on or before the first day of October then insuing the date of the bill afs and to the same payment well and truly to be made the said Emory bound himself his Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly, by the said Bill. Yet the said Emory the sum of money afs or any part thereof to the said Walter and Alexander in the life time of the said Alexander or to either of them he hath not paid (altho' he was thereto required on the said first day of October, and often since by the said Walter & Alexander in the life time of the said Alexander at the County afs) but the same to them to pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and to the said Walter still doth refuse to pay the same to the damage of the said Walter five hundred pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit &c. M.r Earle. Pledges { John Doe / Richard Roe. —

The Bill obligatory mentioned in the Declaration above insues in manner & form, to wit. — "I the Subscriber do hereby promise and oblige myself my Heirs, Executors and Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Messrs. Stewart and Nesbit Merchts. of Philadelphia or their