twenty seventh day of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five, at Kent County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory sealed with the Seal of the said Thomas and to the Court now here shewn whose date is the day and year aft. acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith by the name & under the firm of Nicholas Sluby and Co: of Kent County and State of Maryland in the sum and just sum of two hundred pounds lawful money of Maryland to be paid to the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith when he the said Thomas Ringold should be thereto requested. Nevertheless the said Thomas altho' often requested hath not paid the said sum of money to the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith but the same hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith in the sum of ten pounds Current money, and therefore they bring suit &c. James Houston for Plff. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.

The writing Obligatory mentioned in the Declaration aft. recited as follows, to wit. Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Ringold of Chester Town in the State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith Merchants and Copartners under the firm of Nicholas Sluby and Co: of Kent County and State of Maryland in the sum of two hundred pounds Current money of Maryland to be paid the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith or their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, to which payment well and truly to be made & done I bind myself my Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents sealed with my Seal, dated the 27th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas Ringold his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or any of them, shall & do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith Merchants, and Copartners under the firm of Nicholas Sluby and Co: of Kent County, of Kent County and the State of Maryland their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the just sum of one hundred and four pounds, eleven shillings and four pence, Current money of Maryland without any fraud or further delay. Then the above Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force & virtue in Law.

Sealed & Delivered, in the presence of James Houston — Thos. Ringold (Seal)

And the same Thomas Ringold by his Attorney aft. defends the force and injury when &c. and says that he cannot deny gainsay the action aft. of the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith nor can he deny but that he owes to the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith the aft. sum of two hundred pounds Current money, in manner and form as the said Nicholas Sluby & Joseph Smith above against him have complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith recover against the said Thomas Ringold as well the said sum of two hundred pounds Current money his Debt aft. in form aft. acknowledged, as the Quantity of five hundred and fifty three pounds of Tobacco as well for their Damages which they have sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for their Costs & Charges

by them about their suit in this behalf expended, Adjudged unto the said Nicholas Sluby and Joseph Smith by the Court here, with their Assent, and the same Thomas Ringold in mercy &c. — James Clark Jr. Cl.

Memorandum. Judgment was confessed in this action, on the 19th day of April 1796. for Penalty and Costs. — To be released on the payment of Principal, Interest and Costs. — Staytile Sept. Term 1797. Payments if any to be allowed.

William Sluby against Benjamin Wright — Be it remembered that on the fourth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, Commission was given to the Sheriff of Kent County that he should take Benjamin Wright late of Kent County if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep, so that he should have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton, in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of April then next following, to answer unto William Sluby of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, eleven shillings and six pence Current money of Maryland, which unto him he owes, and from him he unjustly detains, and &c. forth — And that he should have then and there that Writ. And now here, at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, comes into Court here the said William Sluby by James Houston Esq. his Attorney, and the Sheriff of the County aft. to whom the said Writ was directed otherwise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit.

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And the said Benjamin Wright being called, appeared in Court here by Robert Wright his Attorney. Whereupon the same William Sluby by his Attorney aft. def. declared against the said Benjamin Wright in the plea aft. in manner and form following, to wit. — Eastern Shore of Maryland, Kent County, to wit. Benjamin Wright late of Kent County was summoned to answer unto William Sluby of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of two hundred and fifty pounds eleven shillings and six pence Current money of Maryland which unto him he owes, and from him he unjustly detains and &c. forth. — And whereupon the said William Sluby by James Houston his Attorney saith, that whereas the said Benjamin Wright on the eleventh day of December in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four, at Kent County aft. by his certain writing Obligatory, sealed with the Seal of the said Benjamin and to the Court now here shewn whose date is the day and year aft. acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound to the said William Sluby in the aforesaid sum of two hundred pounds eleven shillings and six pence to be paid to the said William Sluby when he the said Benjamin should be thereto requested. Nevertheless the said Benjamin altho' often requested hath not paid the said sum of money but the same hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said William in the sum of ten pounds, wherefore he brings suit &c. — James Houston for plff. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.

The writing Obligatory mentioned in the Declaration aft. recited as follows, to wit. — Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Wright of Kent County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto William Sluby of Kent County and State aft. in the full and just sum of two hundred and fifty pounds eleven shillings and six pence Current money, to be paid to the said William Sluby