At which said second Tuesday of September Anno Dominii 1795 being the day of the return of the Writ aforesaid comes hereunto the said Peter Gordon by William Pope Martin Esquire his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Talbot County, to whom the Writ aforesaid was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed "Executed Samuel Dixon Sheriff of Talbot County" Whereupon comes hereunto Court, the said William Sharpe, by Thomas O Martin Esq. his Attorney and defendeth the force and injury when &c. and prayed leave of the Court here to imparle until the next Court, then following, and to him it was granted the same day was given to the said Peter Gordon then &c.

At which said last Court held, the third Tuesday of April Anno Dominii 1796 came again into Court the said Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and on Motion of the said Peter Gordon by his Attorney aforesaid, the said William Sharpe was ruled give special Bail, in the plea aforesaid, or be committed &c.

Whereupon a certain Nicholas Martin gentleman late of Talbot County, came into Court and became pledge, and Bail for the said William Sharpe, that if it should happen that the said William Sharpe should be convicted, in the plea aforesaid, then the said Nicholas, promised that as well the Debt aforesaid as all such Costs and Charges as should be adjudged by the said Court unto the said Peter, should be made of his Body Goods and Lands, and levied to the use of the said Peter, in case the said William Sharpe did not pay and satisfy the Debt Damages, Costs and Charges aforesaid, or render his Body in execution thereof, to the public Prison of Talbot County aforesaid. And further process of and upon the Premises aforesaid was continued until the second Tuesday of September, then next following.

At which said second Tuesday of September Anno Dominii 1796 came again into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Peter Gordon by his Attorney aforesaid declared in the plea aforesaid against the said William Sharpe, as follows to wit,

Eastern Shore, State of Maryland, Talbot County &c.

William Sharpe, late of Talbot County, Planter, was summoned to answer unto Peter Gordon, of a plea, that he render unto him, the sum of two hundred, and ten pounds, current Money which to him he owes, and from him unjustly detains &c.

And Whereupon, the said Peter by William Pope Martin his Attorney, saith that the said William, on the twenty first day of March, in the year of our Lord aforesaid hundred and ninety five, by the County aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held, and firmly bound unto the said Peter, in the sum of two hundred and ten pounds, current to be paid to the said Peter, when he the said William, thereunto by thereunto required. Nevertheless the said William (although often required) the aforesaid sum of Money, or any part

thereof, to the said Peter, yet hath not rendered or paid, but hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse, to pay the same to him, to the damage of the said Peter five hundred pounds current Money, and therefore he brings suit &c.

Wm. P. Martin atty. for Plff.

Pledges for Suit Doe, Richard Roe.

Maryland Sc. Know all Men by these presents that I William Sharpe of Talbot County, & State aforesaid, am held, and firmly bound unto Peter Gordon, of Cambridge in Dorchester County State in the full and just sum of two hundred, and ten pounds, current Money of said State, to be paid unto the said Peter Gordon, his executors Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs Executors, and Administrators, in and for the whole, firmly by these presents, sealed with my Seal, and dated this twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & ninety five. The Condition of the above Obligation, is such, that if the above bound William Sharpe, do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said Peter Gordon his certain Attorney Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the full and just sum of two hundred & ten pounds sterling Shillings and three pence, like Money, with exchange all Costs thereon, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain, in full force and virtue, in Law

William Sharpe Seal

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Thomas Marshall

Whereupon on Motion of the said Peter Gordon by his Attorney aforesaid the said William, was ruled by the Court here, to answer to the Declaration aforesaid or Judgt. &c. Thereupon the said William, defended the force, and injury when &c. and prayed leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of April next following, and to him it was granted, and the same day was given to the said Peter, then &c.

At which said second Tuesday of April Anno Dominii 1797 came again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said William by his Attorney aforesaid said that he could not deny the Action aforesaid so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owed unto the said Peter the sum of two hundred and ten pounds current Money, in manner & form as the said Peter hath declared against him, Therefore it is considered by the Court aforesaid that the said Peter, should recover against the said William, as well the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed, as the quantity of six hundred and fifty one pounds of Tobacco, Damages, which he hath sustained as well by reason of the detention of the Debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him laid out, and expended; and the said William, in mercy &c.

Judgt. 12 April 1797 for Penalty & Costs. To be released on the payt. of Principal & Int.

Test James Earle Jun. Clk. Cur.