here, with their Assent; and the said John Harwood in mercy &c — Fest. Sic, Earle, Clerk

Memorandum: Judgment was confessed in this action on the 10th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, for Penalty and Costs: to be released on payment of the Principal, Interest, and Costs payments if any to be allowed: Stay of Execution until the next Term. —

James Price against Mary Trippe

Be it remembered that on the seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, Command was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County, that he should take Mary Trippe late of Talbot County, widow, if she should be found in his Bailiwick and her safe keep so that he might have her body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at Easton in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto James Price, in a plea that she render unto him the sum of six hundred and sixty eight pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence Current money of Maryland, which unto him she owes and from him she unjustly detains &c — And that thereof he said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and should have then and there that Writ. — At which second Tuesday of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven {being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ} came into Court the said James Price by Thomas James Bullitt Esquire his Attorney, and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to whom the said Writ was directed likewise came and made return thereof to the said Court, thus endorsed, to wit — "Exp. Dan.l Kerr Shff" — And the said Mary Trippe being called, appeared in Court by Nicholas Hammond Esquire her Attorney; And thereupon on motion of the said James Price by his Attorney aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court, that the said Mary Trippe should give special bail in the plea aforesaid. Whereupon the said Mary Trippe by her Attorney aforesaid, filed in Court a certain Bail Piece, and which being approved of by the Court, is in form following, to wit —

James Price, Plaintiff, against Mary Trippe, Defendant.

Now Stephen T. Ennson and James Pitchhead of Talbot County, do jointly and severally acknowledge ourselves special bail for the said Mary Trippe, that if the said James Price, in an action of Debt, brought by the said James Price against the said Mary Trippe in the General Court — They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this eleventh day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, before us the subscribers, being two of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Talbot County aforesaid — Mm Dawson — Henry Ennson —

To the Honorable, the Judges of the General Court. —

And the said Mary Trippe by her Attorney aforesaid, defended the force and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the next Term, and she had it, the same day was given to the said James Price there &c —

At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said James Price by

his Attorney aforesaid, Declared against the said Mary Trippe in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit — Eastern Shore of Maryland, Talbot County, to wit. Mary Trippe late of Talbot County, Widow, was summoned to answer unto James Price of a plea that she render unto him the sum of six hundred and sixty eight pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence Current money of Maryland, which unto him she owes and from him she unjustly detains &c — And thereupon the same James Price by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney, says, that the same Mary Trippe on the twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety six, at the County aforesaid, by her certain writing Obligatory, Sealed with her Seal, and here into Court now brought by the same James, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, acknowledged herself to be held and firmly bound unto the same James, in the aforesaid sum of six hundred and sixty eight pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said James whenever after she the same Mary should be thereto required; To the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done the same Mary bound herself her Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by the said writing Obligatory — Nevertheless the same Mary although thereto often required, the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof, unto the same James, yet hath not rendered or pay, but the same or any part thereof, to render or pay hitherto altogether hath refused, and still doth refuse, to the Damage of the same James one thousand pounds Current money of Maryland, and therefore he brings this suit &c —

Thomas J. Bullitt for Pltff. Pledges &c — John Doe & Richard Roe —

The writing Obligatory in the Declaration aforementioned, follows, to wit —

Know all men by these presents that I Mary Tripp of Talbot County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto James Price of the same County in the full and just sum of six hundred and sixty eight pound fifteen shillings and seven pence Current money, to be paid unto the said James Price his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, & Assigns: To which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal, and dated this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. — The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Mary Trippe do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said James Price his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, the full and just sum of three hundred and thirty four pounds seven shillings and nine pence half penny on or before the 24th day of September next, with legal Interest thereon from that date: Then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law —

Mary Trippe (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence of David Kerr —

Thereupon it was ruled by the Court at the prayer of the said James Price by his Attorney aforesaid, that the same Mary Trippe answer to the Declaration aforesaid of him the said James Price in the plea aforesaid — And the said Mary Trippe by her Attorney aforesaid, further defended the force and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the next Term, and she had it, the same day was given to the said James Price there &c —