next, to answer unto William S. Bond Gentleman, Clerk of the said County Court, of the said State, according to the liberties and priviledges of the same Court for the Clerk and other ministers and officers of the same Court here, from time the contrary whereof in the memory of Man is not, used and approved, and also Assignee according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided of a certain Samuel Edmondson, of a plea that he render unto him the sum of fifty four pounds nine shillings and four pence Current money, which to him he owes and unjustly detaines and soforth. — Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ. — Witness the Honorable James Hollyman Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 22nd day of May Anno Dominii 1797 — Issued the 7th day of October Anno Dominii 1797. — N.H. Mch. S. Bond Clk. —

Oyer of the Declaration sued with the Writ is in the following words & figures, to wit. — Talbot County, to wit. Jonathan Oyment late of Talbot County planter, was Attached by a writ of the State of Maryland of priviledge, issuing out of the County Court of Talbot County aforesaid, to answer unto William Stoddert Bond Gentleman, Clerk of the said County Court of the said State, according to the liberties and priviledges of the same Court for the Clerk, and other ministers and officers of the same Court here from time the contrary whereof in the memory of man is not, used & approved of, and also Assignee according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided of a certain Samuel Edmondson, of a plea that he render unto him the sum of fifty four pounds nine shillings and four pence Current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. — And whereupon the same William Stoddert Bond in his proper person saith that whereas the aforesaid Jonathan Oyment on the ninth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven, at the County aforesaid by his certain Bill Obligatory did promise and obliged himself to pay or cause to be paid unto the aforesaid Samuel Edmondson, or his Assigns, the aforesaid sum of fifty four pounds nine shillings and four pence Current money on or before the first day of September next ensuing the date of the same Bill for value received, to the payment whereof the said Jonathan Oyment did bind himself firmly by the same Bill, and afterwards, to wit, on the fifteenth day of September in the year aforesaid, the said sum of fifty four pounds nine shillings and four pence or any part thereof, not being paid, the said Samuel Edmondson by his certain writing under his hand and Seal on the said Bill Obligatory indorsed did assign the said Bill Obligatory to the said William Stoddert Bond and his Assigns for value received, to wit, at the County aforesaid, and did then and there assist make his solemn affirmation before David Kerr then one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Talbot County aforesaid, duly commissioned and Qualified that he had received no part or parcel of the said sum of money mentioned in the aforesaid Bill, or any thing in security or satisfaction for the same which was at the time of making the Assignment aforesaid, certified and indorsed

on the said Bill Obligatory, of all which the said Jonathan Oyment afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year last aforesaid, at the County aforesaid here in Court, Notice. Nevertheless the said Jonathan Oyment, although often thereto requested, the said sum of money aforesaid or any part thereof, to him the said William Stoddert Bond yet hath not paid, but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said William Stoddert Bond in the sum of one hundred pounds Current money, and therefore he brings this suit &c. — and he brings here into Court as well the Bill Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the Seal of the said Jonathan Oyment which the Deed aforesaid in form aforesaid testifies, the date whereof is the same day and year first aforesaid as the writing of Assignment under the hand and Seal of the said Samuel Edmondson, and the affirmation aforesaid, upon the Bill Obligatory indorsed as aforesaid, which the Assignment of the said Bill Obligatory to him the said William Stoddert Bond in form aforesaid made, doth prove the date whereof which Assignment is the same day and year in that respect above mentioned &c. — Mch. S. Bond Pl. Attn. Dec. Richard Roe, Pledges &c. —

The Bill mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration is in the following words & figures, to wit. — I promise to pay to Samuel Edmondson the sum of fifty four pounds, nine shillings and four pence, to or before the first day of September next ensuing from the date hereof. Set my hand Set my Hand and Seal. Jonathan Oyment Seal. —

Witness, Test, Sophia Edmondson. — May 9th 1797. —

Talbot County, September 15th 1797. — On this date above mentioned came Samuel Edmondson before me the Subscriber, and affirmed (he being a Quaker) that the within Note for fifty four pounds nine shillings and four pence Current money is just and true and that no part or parcel of the same hath been paid, nor any security or satisfaction for any part thereof been received to the best of his knowledge. Affirmed before David Kerr.

For value received I hereby Assign the annexed Note of hand to William Stoddert Bond his heirs and Assigns. Witness my hand and Seal this 15th day of Sept. 1797. —

Witness, David Kerr. Samuel Edmondson Seal

The annexed Note of hand was Assigned by me to William S. Bond for money actually due to said Bond. Witness my hand and Seal this 15th of September 1797. —

Test, David Kerr. Samuel Edmondson Seal

At which said second Monday in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven here came the said William S. Bond by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney and Daniel Powell Cox Sheriff of the County aforesaid to the Court here, and made return that he had taken the body of the within Jonathan Oyment whom he had ready at the day and place according to the exigence of the said Writ, and the said Jonathan Oyment by Thomas James Pallett his Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon the said Jonathan Oyment by at the prayer of the said William Stoddert Bond was ruled to give special bail in the plea aforesaid. Whereupon Thomas Oyment of Talbot County came here into Court in his proper person, and became pledge and Mainpriptor for the said Jonathan Oyment, that if it should happen that Judgment by the Court for the aforesaid William Stoddert Bond in the plea aforesaid against the said Jonathan Oyment should be rendered, then the said Thomas Oyment granted that all such Debt, Damages, Costs and Charges which unto the said William S. Bond in this part should by the Court be adjudged of his Land and Chattels should