of debt that he render unto him the sum of sixty nine pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence Current money of Maryland, which to him he owes, and unjustly detains and &c. Doth thereupon the said McKimmy Porter by James B. Robins his Attorney says that whereas the said Levin Parsons on the sixth day of December Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety five, at the County aforesaid, by his certain Bill Obligatory which the said McKimmy with the Seal of the said Levin Parsons sealed, in Court brings, the date whereof is the same day and year aft. premised and Obliged himself to pay unto the said McKimmy the full and just sum of Sixty nine pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence Current money of Maryland, when he the said Levin should be thereto afterwards required, yet the said Levin Parsons (tho' often required) the sum of money aft. to said McKimmy hath not rendered or paid but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused, and still doth refuse, and the same doth unjustly detain whereupon the said McKimmy Porter says that he hath Damage to the value of one hundred pounds Current money of Maryland, and therefore he brings suit and &c. John Doe and Richard Roe Pledges

Oyer of the Bill Obligatory in the Declaration aft. mentioned comes in these words, to wit. — Worcester County Maryland. We Levin Parsons and Levin Handy (R.S.) do hereby promise, and Oblige ourselves, our Heirs, Executors or Administrators, to pay or cause to be paid to McKimmy Porter his Heirs, or Assigns the full and just sum of sixty nine pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence Current money of Maryland with legal Interest until paid for value received. Witness our Hands and Seals this 6th day of December 1795. —

Levin Parsons — Seal
Levin Handy (R.S.) Seal

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of Lt. John Veitch

Thereupon the said Levin Parsons by his Attorney aforesaid presented to the Court here the State's Writ Commanding the Justices and Sheriff of the County aforesaid, in these words, following, to wit. — The State of Maryland to the Chief Justice and his Associate Justices of Worcester County Court, and the Sheriff of Worcester County Greeting: Whereas a certain Levin Parsons is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain McKimmy Porter of a plea of Debt, which said plea as it is said still depends before you, our said Justices and determined as aforesaid, and we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined

before the Judges of our General Court, We therefore Command you that you have the body of the said Levin Parsons by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of their caption and detention, and all things thereunto relating, before the Judges of our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton in Talbot County the second day of September that the Judges of our said General Court may further procede therein as to Justice appertains and &c. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. — Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 11th day of April 1797. — Issued the 1st day of July 1797. —

Test. James Dick Junr. Clerk.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court here that the Writ aforesaid be allowed, and that the Record of the plea between the said Parties be transmitted to the Justices therein named together with the body of the said Levin Parsons according to the Commands of the said Writ to this Record annexed. — John C. Handy Clk.

State of Maryland Worcester County, to wit. I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that the foregoing transcript is a true Copy taken from the Records and Proceedings of Worcester County Court. In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of my office this 6th day of September anno Dominii 1797. —

Seal of Worcester County Court

John C. Handy Clk. of Worcester County Court. —

And thereupon, appeared in our General Court as well the said McKimmy Porter by James B. Robins Esquire his Attorney, as the said Levin Parsons by William Whittington Esquire his Attorney. Whereupon, on motion of the said McKimmy Porter by his Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said Levin Parsons answer to the Declaration aforesaid of him the said McKimmy Porter in the plea aforesaid. — Also the said Levin Parsons by his Attorney aforesaid defended the force & injury when &c. and prayed leave of the Court to imparle unto the next Term, & he had it. The same day was given to the said McKimmy Porter, then, &c. — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid. And the said Levin Parsons by his Attornies aft. further defended the force and injury when &c. and said, that the said McKimmy ought not to have his said Action against him, because he said that he the same Levin well and truly paid to the said McKimmy, the said sum of sixty nine pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence Current money of Maryland, in the said Bill Obligatory mentioned, with lawful Interest for the same according to the form and effect of the aforesaid Bill Obligatory, to wit, at Worcester County aforesaid, and this he is