a Record of the proceedings before the said County Court had, containing the cause of the caption and detention of the said Levin Parsons in the plea aforesaid with all things thereunto relating: And which said Record of proceedings is in form following towit — In the Records and proceedings of Worcester County Court among other matters and things it is contained as follows, towit — Worcester County Sc. At a Court of the State of Maryland held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid, the second Monday of August, towit, the 14th day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven —

Were present — The Honble John Done Esq. Chief Justice

William Morris } Esqs. Associate Justices
William Purnell }

Levin Pollitt Esq. Sheriff — John C. Handy Eth —

Benjamin Wailes } Command was given to the Sheriff of Worcester
Levin Parsons } County that he should take Levin Parsons late of Worcester County Planter, and Levin Handy late of Worcester County, Merchant, if they should be found in his Bailiwick, and them safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the Justices of the County Court of Worcester at a Court by them to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid, the fourth Monday of November Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, to answer unto Benjamin Wailes of a plea that he render unto him the sum of seventy pounds Current money of Maryland, which to him they owe and unjustly detain and &c. — And the same day is given to the aff. Benjamin Wales here and &c. — At which said fourth Monday of November came the aforesaid Benjamin Wales by Wm. Polk Gent. his Attorney, and the Sheriff, towit, Levin Pollitt Gent. now here returned that he had taken the aforesaid Levin Parsons, whose body here at this day he hath ready to answer unto the aff. Benjamin Wailes of the plea aforesaid, as by the forgoing Writ he was commanded, and further the same Sheriff certifies that the aff. Benjamin Wales by his Attorney aforesaid, Countermanded the Writ aff. as to the aff. Levin Handy, and forbid any arrest (by virtue of the Writ aff.) on the body of the said Levin Handy to be made and &c. — Whereupon, on the prayer of the aforesaid Benjamin Wales by his Atty aff. the aff. Levin Parsons is by the Court now here ruled and adjudged to give special bail to the action aff. — And now here afterwards came into Court a certain William Richardson of Worcester County before John Done Esq. and his Associate Justices of the County Court of Worcester, and being in his proper person present, undertook for

the said Levin Parsons, that if he the said Levin Parsons should be Condemned in this action at the suit of the said Benjamin Wales, that he then shall pay and satisfy to the said Benjamin Wales the Costs and Condemnation thereon, or render himself to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid in satisfaction thereof, or that he the said William Richardson would do the same for him — Thereupon, the said Levin Parsons puts in his place Thos. Martin Gent. his Attorney at Law, against the aforesaid Benjamin Wales of the plea aforesaid, upon which at the request of the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aff. day is to them now here given until the next Court, to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid, the second Monday of February then next following, in the same State, as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and &c. — At which said second Monday of February came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, upon which, at the request of the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aff. further day is to them now here given unto the next Court to be held at Snow Hill Town, in and for the County aforesaid, the second Monday of August then next following in the same State, as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and &c. — At which said second Monday of August came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aff. upon which the said Benjamin Wales complains of the aforesaid Levin Parsons of the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following, towit — Worcester ss. Levin Parsons late of Worcester County, Planter, and Levin Handy late of Worcester County, Merchant, were summoned to answer unto Benjamin Wales of a plea that they render unto him the sum of seventy pounds Current money of Maryland, which to him they owe and unjustly detain &c. — And whereupon the said Benjamin by William Polk his Attorney says, that whereas the said Parsons and Handy on second day of May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety five at the County aforesaid by their certain Bill Obligatory, which the said Benjamin shews sealed with the Seals of the said Parsons and Handy here into Court shews, whose date is the same day and year aforesaid, Obliged themselves, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Benjamin Wales his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of thirty five pounds Current money of Maryland, to which payment well and truly to be made and done the — bound themselves their Heirs, Exs. and Adms. in the penal sum of seventy pounds Current money of Maryland with legal Interest from the date of the said Bill Obligatory it being for value received. And the said Benjamin in fact saith that he the said Benjamin afterwards, towit, on the day & year aforesaid at the County aforesaid requested of the said Parsons and Handy the aff. sum of thirty five pounds Current money of Maryland, and the said Benjamin further in fact saith that the said Parsons and Handy have not paid to the said Benjamin the aff.