Interest, and Costs. Stay until next Term. payment, if any, to be allowed

Robert Neilson, use of William Lorman and George Sears against Robert Dennis

Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County, to take Robert Dennis late of Dorchester County, Merchant if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton, in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of April then next, to answer unto Robert Neilson, of a plea of Trespass upon the case &c — And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and should have then and there that Writ — At which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven (being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ) came into Court the said Robert Neilson by Nicholas Hammond Esquire his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Dorchester County to whom the same Writ was in form aforesaid directed likewise came, and made return thereof to our said Court thus endorsed, towit — "Cepi. Jno: Fooks Shff" — And the said Robert Dennis being called appeared in Court by William Pond Martin Esquire his Attorney And thereupon, on motion of the said Robert Neilson by his Attorney aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court that the said Robert Dennis give special bail in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said Robert Dennis by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court a certain bailpiece, and which being approved of by the Court, is in form following, towit. —

Robert Nelson for the use of William Lorman & George Sears Plaintiffs against Robert Dennis — Defendant

You Alexander Smith and Alexander Gunn do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Robert Dennis at the suit of the said Robert Nellson for the use of William Lorman and George Sears in an action upon the case brought by the said Robert Nelson for the use of William Lorman and George Sears against the said Robert Dennis in the General Court — They acknowledge themselves to be contenth therewith this 5th day of April 1797 before Levin Woolford, Saml. Brown, — To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court —

And the said Robert Dennis by his Attorney aforesaid defended the force and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle unto the next Term, and he had it; The same day was given to the said Robert Nelson, there, &c. —

At which said next Term, towit, 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 Robert Neilson by his Attorney aft. Declared against the said Robert Dennis in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, towit — The Eastern Shore of Maryland, Dorchester County towit, Robert Dennis late of Dorchester County, Merchant, was attached to answer unto Robert Neilson of a plea of Trespass upon the case &c — And whereupon the same Robert Neilson by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney, complains that whereas the said Robert Dennis on the twenty fifth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four, at the County aft. was indebted to the said Robert Neilson in the sum of two hundred and eight pounds nineteen shillings and five pence Current money for divers Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, there before that time sold and delivered by the said Robert Neilson to the said Robert Dennis at his special instance and request; and so therein being indebted the said Robert Dennis, in consideration thereof afterwards, towit, the same day and year aft. at the County aft. assumed upon himself and then and there faithfully promised the said Robert Neilson, to pay him the said Robert Neilson the sum of money aforesaid when he the said Robert Dennis should be thereto afterwards required: And whereas also the said Robert Neilson, afterwards, towit, the day and year aft. at the County aft. had sold and delivered to the said Robert Dennis divers other Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, at his like special instance and request, the said Robert Dennis in consideration thereof then & there assumed upon himself and faithfully promised the said Robert Neilson, to pay him the said Robert Neilson as much Current money, for the Goods, Wares and Merchandizes last mentioned, as the same, at the time of the sale and delivery thereof were reasonably worth, when he the said Robert Dennis should be thereto afterwards required: And the said Robert Neilson in fact saith, that the said Goods Wares and Merchandizes last mentioned, at the time of the sale and delivery thereof were reasonably worth one other sum of two hundred and eight pounds nineteen shillings and five pence Current money, towit, at the County aft. whereof the said Robert Dennis then and there had notice: And whereas also the said Robert Dennis, afterwards, towit, the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid was indebted to the said Robert Neilson in one other sum of money towit, the sum of two hundred pounds like money, for the like sum of Current