the said Debt, Damages, Costs, & Charges should not pay, or his body to the prison and Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid on that occasion should not render — And thereupon the said James Corrie by his Attorney aforesaid, declared against the said Brooks Thornton in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit — The Eastern Shore of Maryland, Talbot County, to wit — Brooks Thornton late of Talbot County Farmer, was summoned to answer unto James Corrie Administrator of all and singular, the Goods and Chattels, Rights & Credits which were of John Corrie late of the County aforesaid deceased, of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and seven pounds, eight shillings and nine pence halfpenny Current money of Maryland, which from him he unjustly detains &c — And whereupon the same James Corrie by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney saith, that whereas the said Brooks Thornton on the thirty first day of October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, at the County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory, which, Sealed with the Seal of the said Brooks Thornton, the said James Corrie here into Court brings, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid granted himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John Corrie in his lifetime, in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and seven pounds, eight shillings and nine pence half penny, Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said John Corrie, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, when the said Brooks Thornton should be thereto afterwards required; To the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done, the said Brooks Thornton did bind himself, firmly by the same writing — Nevertheless the said Brooks Thornton (altho' often thereto required) the sum of money aforesaid or any part thereof, to the said John Corrie in his lifetime, or to the said James Corrie after the death of the said John Corrie, yet hath not paid, but the same to the said John Corrie in his lifetime, and to the said James Corrie after the death of the said John Corrie, to pay, the said Brooks Thornton hath hitherto altogether refused, and the same to the said James Corrie to pay doth still refuse, and the same doth unjustly detain, to the Damage of the said James Corrie in the sum of two hundred and seven pounds eighty shillings and nine pence half penny, Current money; And thereupon he brings this suit — And he brings here into Court the Letters of Administration to him, in due form of Law granted, whereby it sufficiently appears to the Court here, that the said James Corrie is the Administrator of all and singular, the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits which were of the said John Corrie at the time of his decease, and thereupon to have the Administration ought &c —

The writing Obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, enures as follows, to wit — Know all men by these presents that I Brooks Thornton of Talbot County, Maryland, farmer am held and firmly bound unto John Corrie of Talbot County, Maryland, Merchant, in the full and just sum of two hundred and seven pounds eight shillings and nine pence & one half Current money, that is in Spanish Milled Dollars at the rate of seven shillings and six pence each, to be paid to the said John Corrie, his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, for 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 thirty first day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety six 1796 — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Brooks Thornton his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, or any of them do and shall well and truly pay unto the above named John Corrie his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of one hundred and three pounds fourteen shillings and four pence 3/4 in Spanish Milled Dollars, at the rate of seven shillings and six pence each — That then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue —

Brooks Thornton (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and delivered, in presence of Lem his mark Shields —

And the said Brooks Thornton defends the wrong and injury when &c and says, that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the said James Corrie so as aforesaid against him brought, nor can he deny but that he owes unto him the said James Corrie the full and just sum of two hundred and seven pounds eight shillings and nine pence half penny Current money in manner and form as he the said James Corrie above thereof against him Complains — Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said James Corrie Administrator as aforesaid recover against the said Brooks Thornton, as well the said sum of two hundred and seven pounds eight shillings and nine pence half penny Current money his Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, as also the Quantity of five hundred and nine pounds for his Damages which he hath sustained as well by occasion of that Debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended; Adjudged by the Court here unto the said James Corrie Administrator as aforesaid with his Assent. And the said Brooks Thornton in mercy &c —

Test. James Earle Junior Clerk —

Memorandum. Judgment was confessed in this action on the fifteenth day of September seventeen hundred and ninety eight for Penalty and Costs — To be released on payment of the principal, Interest, and Costs — with Stay of Execution until April Term eighteen hundred —