of Talbot County Greeting. We Command you, that you Attach John Nichols late of Talbot County, Yeoman, if he shall be found in your Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court, to be held at Easton on the fourth Monday of May Inst. to answer unto William Stoddert Bond, Gentleman, Clerk of Talbot County Court, here duly appointed and Qualified, and Assignee of William Skinner, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, according to the liberties & privileges of the same Court here for such Clerk and other ministers of the same Court here time out of mind used and approved in the same, in a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred pounds Current money of Maryland which unto him he owes and from him unjustly detains &c. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honorable James Tilghman Esquire, Chief Judge from said Court the 13th day of November Anno Domini 1797. Issued the 22nd day of May 1798.

Wm. S. Bond Clk.

Copy of the Declaration sent with with the Writ cause in the following words and figures, towit. Talbot County, towit, John Nichols late of Talbot County, Yeoman, was Attached by a Writ of the State of Maryland of privilege issuing out of Talbot County Court here, to answer unto William Stoddert Bond, Gentleman, Clerk of Talbot County Court here, duly appointed and Qualified, and Assignee of William Skinner according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided according to the liberties and privileges of the same Court here for such Clerk and other ministers of the same Court here time out of mind used and approved in the same, in a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred pounds Current money of Maryland, which unto him he owes, and from him he unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the same Bond, present here in Court in his own proper person says that the same Nichols on the fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred & ninety seven, at the County aforesaid, by his certain Bill Obligatory, Sealed with his Seal and here into Court now brought by the same Bond, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid acknowledge himself to owe and be justly indebted unto the same Skinner, in the aforesaid sum of two hundred pounds Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Skinner, his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns whenever after he the said Nichols should be thereto required, with legal Interest thereon from the date of the same Bill until the payment thereof, which and truly to be made, the same

Nichols bound himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by the said Bill to pay the same Bond doth aver, that afterwards, towit, on the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred ninety and eight, at the County aforesaid, the aforesaid sum of money or Interest or any part thereof not being paid, he the same Skinner by his certain writing, under his hand and Seal on the said Bill Obligatory indorsed, did Assign the said Bill Obligatory and all the money and Interest therein mentioned, or thereon due to the said Bond, for value of him received towit, at the County aforesaid, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and he then and there (he the said Skinner being one of the people called Quakers) make his Solemn Affirmation before Rachd. Kerr, Gentleman, then and there being one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace and Magistrates, in and for the County aforesaid, duly Commissioned and Qualified, that he the said Skinner had received no part of the money, either principal, or Interest, mentioned in the said Bill Obligatory, or any security or satisfaction for the same, at the time of making such Assignment aforesaid, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, which affirmation was at same time and place indorsed, on the said Bill Obligatory, according to the Act of Assembly aforesaid, of all which, the said Nichols afterwards towit, on the same day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid had notice. Nevertheless the same Nichols (although thereto often required) the aforesaid sum of money or Interest, or any part thereof unto the said Bond, yet hath not rendered or paid, or him, for the same in any sort contented or satisfied but the same or any part thereof, to pay to him the said Bond, or him for the same, or any part thereof, in any sort to content or satisfy, he the said Nichols hitherto altogether hath refused and yet doth refuse, to the Damage of the said Bond four hundred pounds Current money of Maryland, and thereupon he brings this Suit &c. And the said Bond brings here into Court the aforesaid writing of Assignment under the hand and Seal of the said Skinner, and the affirmation aforesaid on the said Bill Obligatory indorsed as aforesaid, which the Assignment of the said Bill Obligatory to him the said Bond in form aforesaid, and the affirmation aforesaid in form aforesaid do prove, the date of which Assignment and affirmation is the same day and year in that respect above mentioned &c. William S. Bond in his proper person. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe. The Bill Obligatory and Indorsements, mentioned in the above Declaration, cause in the following words and figures towit. Talbot County, towit, I promise to oblige myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators to pay, or cause to be paid, unto William Skinner or his certain Attorney Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of two hundred pounds Current money of Maryland on demand, with legal Interest thereon. As Witness my