themselves to be contiguous therewith this twenty eighth day of August seventeen hundred and ninety seven — Wm. Mifflin, Robert Evans —

And the said Hugh Lyon and James Steel by their Attorney aforesaid defended the wrong and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle unto the next Term, and they had it; The same day was given to the said Luther Martin, Attorney General as aforesaid, 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 as well the said Luther Martin Attorney General as aforesaid, as the said Hugh Lyon and James Steel by their Attorney aforesaid: And the said Hugh Lyon and James Steel by their Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle unto the next Term, and they had it; The same day was given to the said Luther Martin, Attorney General as aforesaid, then &c — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, came again into Court as well the said Luther Martin Attorney General as afs^d. as the said Hugh Lyon and James Steel by their Attorney aforesaid: And the said Hugh Lyon and James Steel by their Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle unto the next Term, and they had it; The same day was given to the said Luther Martin, Attorney General as aforesaid, 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 nine, came again into Court as well the said Luther Martin, Attorney General as aforesaid, as the said Hugh Lyon and James Steel by their Attorney aforesaid: And the said Luther Martin, Attorney General as afs^d. declared against the said Hugh Lyon and James Steel in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit — Eastern Shore, State of Maryland, Cecil County, to wit — Hugh Lyon and James Steel late of Cecil County, were summoned to answer unto the said State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State, the sum of nine hundred pounds Current money, to wit, to the said State they owe, and from the said State unjustly detain and &c. — And whereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin its Attorney, saith, that whereas the aforesaid James Steel and Hugh Lyon on the day of in the year four Lord one thousand seven hundred and at the County aforesaid, by their certain writing Obligatory, acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said State, in the afs^d. sum of

money, to be paid to the said State when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Lyon and Steel (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of money to the said State, hath not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State, hitherto to render or pay, they have altogether refused, and still do refuse; wherefore the said State saith it is the worse and hath Damage to the value of fifty pounds Current money aforesaid, and therefore the said State brings Suit and &c. &c, and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Lyon and Steel, which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and &c. &c.

S. Martin for the plaintiff — Pledges &c. &c. John Doe & Richard Roe —

The writing Obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned ensues as follows, to wit — State of Maryland, to wit: Know all men by these presents that we Hugh Lyon and James Steel both of Cecil County and State afs^d. are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of one thousand eight hundred pounds Current money the, paid unto the said State of Maryland: To which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and each of us, our, and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, for and in the whole, firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seals, and dated this twenty ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six —

Now the Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounds Hugh Lyon and James Steel, shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said State of Maryland the full and just sum of nine hundred pounds, agreeably to an Act entitled "An Act to appoint an Agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and "ninety six" passed at November Session Seventeen hundred and ninety five — Then the above Obligation to be void and of none effect, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law. — Signed, Sealed and delivered, in the presence of, John Creswell, Geo: Hidd — Hugh Lyon (Seal) James Steel (Seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Bond, was thus written, to wit. —

"This Bond taken for 200 acres of land, part of a tract called "the Widow's Lott" formerly the property of Hyder Keirs Lyde in Cecil County, or the property of Esther Lyde, British Subjects — Thereupon it was ruled by the Court at the prayer of the said Luther Martin, Attorney General as aforesaid, that the said Hugh Lyon and James Steel answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid by the second Tuesday of September then next, or that Judgment would be rendered against them on default thereof. The same day was given to the said State of Maryland, then &c — And now here, at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September in the year four Lord one thousand seven hundred