Memorandum, Judgment was confessed in this action on the thirteenth day of September 1799. for Penalty, and Costs. To be released on payment of the principal, Interest and Costs — Payments if any, to be allowed — Test. James Earle Junr. Clerk —

James Rochester, use of William Farrell Junr. against Arthur Holt

Be it remembered that on the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, Command was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County, to take Arthur Holt late of Queen Anns County, Farmer, 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 instant, to answer unto James Rochester of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds Current money of Maryland, which to him he owes, and from him unjustly detains &c. & so forth — And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and should have then and there that Writ &c — At which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight (being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ) came into Court the said James Rochester by James Scott Esquire his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Queen Anns County, to whom the same Writ was directed otherwise came, and made return thereof to our said Court thus endorsed, to wit — "Exec. "Henry Costin Shff. Q.A. County" — And the said Arthur Holt being called, appeared in Court by Robert Wright Esquire his Attorney; And thereupon, on motion of the said James Rochester by his Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said Arthur Holt give special bail in the plea aforesaid — Whereupon a certain John Fisher of Talbot County came into Court in his proper person, and, with consent of the said James Rochester by his Attorney aforesaid became pledge and bail for the said Arthur Holt, that if it should happen that the said Arthur Holt should be convicted at the suit of the said James Rochester in the plea aforesaid, then the said John Fisher consented, that as well the Debt aforesaid as all such Damages, Costs and Charges as should be adjudged unto the said James Rochester in this behalf, should be made of his Body, Goods and Chattels, and to the use of the said James Rochester levied, if it should happen that the said Arthur Holt the same Debt, Damages, Costs and Charges, unto the said James Rochester should not pay, or his body to the prison and Custody of the Sheriff of Queen Anns County aforesaid, on that occasion should not render — And thereupon, the said Arthur Holt by his Attorney aforesaid defended the wrong and injury when, &c, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the next Term, & he had it; The same day was given to the said James Rochester, then, & so forth — 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 the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And the said Arthur Holt by his Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the next Term and he had it; The same day was given to the said James Rochester, 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 the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And the said James

Rochester by his Attorney aforesaid, declared against the said Arthur Holt in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit — Eastern Shore. State of Maryland, Queen Anns County, to wit; Arthur Holt late of Queen Anns County, farmer, was summoned to answer unto James Rochester, of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds, Current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth — And whereupon the said James Rochester by James Scott his Attorney, saith, that whereas the aforesaid Arthur Holt, on the second day of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety six, at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said James in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and sixty pounds Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said James when afterwards he should be thereunto required — Nevertheless the aforesaid Arthur (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred and sixty pounds Current money aforesd. to the said James yet hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him to pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse; wherefore he saith he is worse, and hath Damage to the value of five hundred pounds Current money aforesaid, And therefore he brings suit and so forth. And brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Arthur, which the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth — James Scott for the Plaintiff. Pledges John Doe and Richard Roe — The writing Obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned answer as follows, to wit — Know all men by these presents that I Arthur Holt of Queen Anns County and State of Maryland, Farmer, am held and firmly bound unto James Rochester of the County and State aforesaid, Gentleman, in the full and just sum of two hundred and sixty pounds Current money of Maryland, To 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 second day of January seventeen hundred and ninety six — The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Arthur Holt, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, do and shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said James Rochester, his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of one hundred and thirty pounds Current money aforesaid, on or before the twentieth day of October next ensuing the date hereof, with legal interest thereon from the date of these presents — Then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise of force — Sealed and Delivered, in the presence of James Wheatley, Geo. Villers — Arthur Holt (Seal)

And thereupon, on motion of the said James Rochester by his Attorney aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court that the said Arthur Holt answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said James Rochester, in the plea aforesaid — And the said Arthur Holt by his Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the next Term, and he had it; The same day was given to the said James Rochester, then, &c — And now here, at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And the said Arthur Holt by his Attorney aforesaid further defends the wrong and injury when &c, and says, that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the said James Rochester so aforesaid against him