One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And the said Robert Dawson by his Attorney aforesaid further defends the wrong and injury when &c, and says, that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said Joseph Forman and Solomon Betts, so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he the said Robert Dawson did assume upon himself in manner and form as they the same Joseph Forman and Solomon Betts, above thereof against him complain; nor likewise, but that the said Forman and Betts have sustained Damage by reason of the non-performance of the promise and Assumption aforesaid to the sum of five hundred pounds Current money, as they the same Forman and Betts above by declaring suppose — Whereupon, the said Joseph Forman and Solomon Betts by their Attorney aforesaid pray Judgment, and those Damages above acknowledged, together with their Costs and Charges by them about their suit in this behalf laid out and expended, to them to be adjudged &c — Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Joseph Forman and Solomon Betts recover against the said Robert Dawson, as well the said sum of five hundred pounds Current money above acknowledged for their Damages which they have sustained, by reason of the non-performance of the promise and Assumption aforesaid, as also the Quantity of six hundred and twenty one pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto them the said Joseph Forman and Solomon Betts adjudged for their Costs and Charges by them about their suit in this behalf laid out and expended: And the said Robert Dawson in mercy &c —

Test. James Earle Junr. Clerk —

Memorandum, Judgment was confessed in this action on the seventeenth day of September 1799 for £500 Damages, and Costs — To be released on the payment of £131. 8. 7 Current money with Interest thereon from the eighteenth day of January 1798, until paid, and Costs — With stay of Execution until the next Term. —

Peregrine Blake, use of Charles Davidson against William Ringgold

Be it remembered, that on the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, Command was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, to take William Ringgold late of Queen Anne's County, Gentleman, otherwise called William Ringgold, the Younger, 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 September then instant, to answer unto Peregrine Blake, of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and fifty three pounds Current money of Maryland, which unto him he owes, and from him he unjustly detains &c — 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 September 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 Peregrine Blake by Thomas James Pollitt Esquire his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, to whom the same Writ was directed otherwise came, and made return thereof to our said Court thus endorsed, to wit — "Ex. Est. Henry Austin Shff. of Q. A. County" — Nevertheless, the said William Ringgold voluntarily, came into Court by James Scott Esquire his Attorney — And thereupon

on motion of the said Peregrine Blake by his Attorney aforesaid it was rule by the Court that the said William Ringgold give special bail in the plea aforesaid — whereupon a certain William Quinn of Queen Anne's County came into Court in his proper person, and with consent of the said Peregrine Blake by his Attorney aforesaid, became pledge and bail for the said William Ringgold, that if it should happen that the said William Ringgold should be convicted of the suit of the said Peregrine Blake in the plea aforesaid, then the said William Quinn consented that all such Damages, Costs and Charges as should be adjudged unto the said Peregrine Blake in the plea aforesaid, of his Body, Lands and Chattels should be made, and to the use of the said Peregrine Blake levied; if it should happen that the said William Ringgold the said Damages Costs and Charges, unto the same Peregrine Blake should not pay, or his body in Execution therefor to the prison and Custody of the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County aforesaid on that occasion should not render. — And thereupon the said William Ringgold by his Attorney aforesaid defended the wrong 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 Peregrine Blake, then, and so forth — 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 Peregrine Blake by his Attorney aforesaid declared against the said William Ringgold in the plea aforesaid in manner & form following, to wit. — State of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Queen Anne's County, to wit. — William Ringgold late of Queen Anne's County, Gentleman, otherwise called, William Ringgold, the Younger, was summoned to answer unto Peregrine Blake, of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and fifty three pounds Current money of Maryland, which unto him he owes, and from him he unjustly detains &c — And whereupon, the same Peregrine Blake by Thomas James Pollitt his Attorney, says, that the same William Ringgold, on the eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety eight, at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing Obligatory, Sealed with his Seal, and here into Court now brought by the same Blake, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the same Blake, in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and fifty three pounds Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Blake whenever after he the same Ringgold should be thereto required; To the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done, the same Ringgold bound himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by the said writing Obligatory — Nevertheless the same Ringgold (although thereto often required) the aforesaid sum of money, or any part thereof, unto the same Blake yet hath not rendered or paid, but the same, or any part thereof to render or pay hitherto altogether hath refused, and still doth refuse, to the Damage of the same Blake five hundred pounds Current money of Maryland; And thereupon he brings this suit &c — Thos: J. Pollitt for Pltff. Thayer & Chew & Richard Rose

The writing Obligatory with the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, follows as follows, to wit. — Know all men by these presents that we, William Ringgold and Samuel Ringgold of Queen Anne's County, in the State of Maryland, are held and firmly bound unto Peregrine Blake, of the same County and State, in the full and just sum of two hundred and fifty three pounds Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Peregrine Blake, his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators and Assigns; To which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we hereby bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, in and for the whole sum, jointly and