to take James Thomas and Mary his wife, Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Nathaniel Manning, deceased, if they should be found in his Bailiwick, and them safe keep, so that he might have their bodies 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 the State of Maryland, of a plea that they render unto the said State the sum of three thousand pounds current money, which from the said State they unjustly detain &c. and wrongfully &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 State of Maryland by Josiah Bayly Esquire its Attorney, and the Sheriff of Queen Anns County to whom the same writ was directed, made no return thereof to the Court, nor did he do any thing therein; Nevertheless, the said James Thomas and wife Executrix as afor. voluntarily appeared in Court by Richard Helphman Earle Esquire their Attorney, and 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 State of Maryland, then, and wrongfully &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 State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid declared against the said James Thomas and wife in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following to wit — Eastern Shore of Maryland, Queen Anns County, to wit; James Thomas and Mary his wife, Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Nathaniel Manning, deceased, were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland, of a plea that they render unto the said State, the sum of three thousand pounds Current money, which from the said State they unjustly detain &c. wrongfully &c. — And whereupon, the said State, by Josiah Bayly its Attorney, saith, that the said Nathaniel, in his lifetime in his lifetime, to wit, on the tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety five, at Dorchester County, by his certain writing Obligatory, sealed with the Seal of the said Nathaniel, and here into Court now brought, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State, in the aforesaid full and just sum of three thousand pounds Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said State when he the said Nathaniel should be thereto afterwards required — Nevertheless, the said Nathaniel, in his lifetime, or the said Mary, after the Decease of the said Nathaniel, or the said James and Mary his wife, after espousals between them celebrated, the aforesaid sum of money, or any part thereof to the said State, to render or pay yet have not (altho' thereto often required) but the same to the said State to render or pay, hitherto altogether have refused, and the said James and Mary his wife still do refuse to pay the same to the said State, to the Damage of the said State four thousand pounds Current money; And thereupon it brings suit &c. — Josiah Bayly for Plff. — Pledges &c. John Doe, and Richard Roe — Oyer of Bond & Condition is as follows, Viz. — Maryland S.t Know all men by these presents that we Nathaniel Manning Junior, Nathaniel Manning and John M.cKeel of Dorchester County, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of three thousand pounds Current money of Maryland, to be paid unto the said State, To which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our every of us, our, and every of our Heirs, Executors and

Administrators, in the whole, and for the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seals, and dated this tenth day of August Anno Dominii 1795. — The Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the within bounden Nathaniel Manning Junr. Executor of the last Will and Testament of John Manning late of Dorchester County, Deceased, do make or cause to be made, a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular, the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said Deceased, which have, or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of him the said Nathaniel Manning Junr. or into the Hands and Possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited unto the Registry of our Orphans Court in Dorchester County, at or before the tenth day of November next ensuing; and the same Goods, Chattels and Credits, and all other, the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, at the time of his death, which at any time after shall come to the Hands or Possession of the said Nathaniel Manning Junr. or into the Hands and Possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly Administer according to Law Viz. shall pay the Debts of the said deceased, so far forth as the said Goods, Chattels and Credits will extend, and the Law will charge, as also, all such reasonable Charges and fees as have arisen or shall arise, or become due to our Officers, from the said Nathaniel Manning on Account of the said Deceased, or his Estate, and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of said Administration, at or before the tenth day of August next, and all the rest and residue of the said Goods, Chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Executors Account, the same being first examined and adjusted by the Judges for the time being of the said Court do distribute and dispose of according to law and the true intent and meaning of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased; And lastly, do at all and every time and times here after clearly discharge and save harmless our said Judges, and all other our Officers and ministers, from all persons having, or pretending to have any right, title or interest to the said Goods and Chattels — Then this Obligation to be void, and of no effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue. —

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of Dr. Goldsborough

Nath.l Manning Junr. (Seal)
Nath.l Manning (Seal)
John M.cKeel (Seal)

And thereupon, on motion of the said State of Maryland by its Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said James Thomas and wife answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said State of Maryland, in the plea aforesaid — And the said James Thomas and wife 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 State of Maryland, 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, came again into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, and the said James Thomas and wife Executrix as afor. by their Attorney aforesaid further defend the wrong and injury when &c. and say, that they cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the said State of Maryland, so as aforesaid against them brought, nor can they deny but that they unjustly detain from the said State the full and just sum of three thousand pounds Current money in manner and form as the said State above thereof against them complains — Wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the said State of Maryland recover against the said James Thomas and wife Executrix as afor. as well the said full and