the said Edward Turner in mercy &c —

Memorandum. Judgment September 19th 1799 for Penalty & Costs. To be released on payment of principal Interest & Costs & payments if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till next Term —

State, ux. Joseph Martin Exor of John Stevens who was Son Benjamin Stevens against William Dawson

Be it remembered that on the fourth day of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight Command was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County to take William Dawson late of Talbot County, Gentleman, 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, the second Tuesday of April then instant to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the full and just quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound Merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cash, which unto the said State he owes and from the said State he unjustly detained &c, and that he should then and there have that writ — At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight being the day for the return of the aforesaid writ, comes into the General Court here the said State of Maryland by Thomas J. Bullitt her Attorney, and the Sheriff of Talbot County aforesaid to whom the said writ was directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit — "Cepi so says Edw. Lloyd Shff Talbot County."

And thereupon William Dawson being called appears in Court here by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney and defends the force and injury when &c, and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September next and he hath it thereupon day is given to the aforesaid State then &c — At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, comes again into the General Court here the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, and the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid declares against the said William Dawson in the plea aforesaid, as follows, to wit —

State of Maryland Eastern Shore Talbot County to wit William Dawson late of Talbot County, Gentleman, was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the full and just quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound merchantable leaf Tobacco & Cash, which unto the said State he owes & from the said State he unjustly detains &c — And whereupon the said State of Maryland by Thomas James Bullitt her attorney says that the said William Dawson on the thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety three, at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory, sealed with his seal and here into Court now brought by the same State, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the same State, in the aforesaid sum & quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound merchantable leaf Tobacco & Cash to be paid to the said State whenever after he the said Dawson should be thereto required

to the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done the said Dawson bound himself his Heirs Executors & Administrators, firmly by the said writing obligatory. Nevertheless the said Dawson, although thereto often required the aforesaid sum and quantity of Tobacco & Cash or any part thereof unto the said State 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 said State one thousand pounds current money of Maryland, and therefore he brings his Suit &c — Thos J. Bullitt for plaintiff pleads &c J. Doe & R. Roe —

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration follows, to wit: Maryland Be Know all men by these presents that we Richard Johns William Dawson & Henry Johnson all of Talbot County and State of Maryland are held & firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full sum and just quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cash, to be paid to the said State of Maryland, to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our heirs Executors & Administrators jointly and severally for the whole and in the whole firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated the thirtieth day of Nov. in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety three. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Richard Johns do well and truly serve the State of Maryland in the Office of high Sheriff of the County of Talbot in then the State aforesaid and in all things well & faithfully execute the same and also shall render the said State and others its Officers a true faithful and perfect account of all and singular the said State's rights and dues and to the said State's Officers a true and just account of their fees that he shall or may be entrusted with by the said State's Governor and other the said State's Officers within this State to receive and collect, and his account to the said State and to the said State's Governor for the time being for the fines and forfeitures and other dues belonging to the State's Governor, as also his account of all fees dues and sums of money or Tobacco due to any of the good people within this State for any sum or sums of money or Tobacco wherewith the said Sheriff shall be entrusted during the time of his Shrievalty for this present year or to such of them as shall require the same shall pay and render by the twentieth day of October next ensuing the date hereof, and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Talbot shall behave himself well and honestly towards all persons according to the best of his power skill & knowledge: Then this Obligation to be void & of no effect, or else to stand in full force strength and virtue — Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of us & in open Court.

Thos Coward
James Price

Rich. Johns (Seal)
Wm Dawson (Seal)
Henry Johnson (Seal)

On the back of the aforesaid Bond was the following Endorsement, to wit —

Talbot County to wit. I do hereby certify all persons whom it doth or may concern, that Thomas Coward & James Price, subscribing Witnesses to the within Bond