the body of the within named Joseph Rasin whose said body I have ready at the day & place within contained to answer Cuthbert Hale Sheriff. Thereupon Richard Wilson of Kent County in his proper person here into Court doth come and became pledge & security for the aforesaid Joseph Rasin, that if it should happen to the said Joseph Rasin to be convicted in the plea aforesaid, then the same security granted as well the debt aforesaid as the damages costs & charges which to the said Samuel Walles in the plea aforesaid should be adjudged of the Goods and chattels Lands and Tenements of the said Richard Wilson to be made and for the use of the said Samuel Walles to be levied, if it should happen that the said Samuel Walles the debt and damages costs and charges aforesaid Joseph Rasin in the plea aforesaid should not pay, a himself into the custody of the Sheriff of Kent County, on that occasion render. & had the aforesaid Joseph Rasin by James Lock his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when & wherefore and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the third Monday of March next and he had it, the same day was given the aforesaid Samuel Walles here to wherefore

At which said third Monday of March seventeen hundred & ninety seven came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the aforesaid Joseph Rasin by his Attorney aforesaid, further refuses the force and injury when and wherefore and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the second Monday of October next and he had it the same day was given the aforesaid Samuel here to wherefore

At which said second Monday of October seventeen hundred & ninety seven, the aforesaid Joseph Rasin by his Attorney aforesaid here into Court doth come & acknowledge to the same Court that the action aforesaid so as aforesaid depending between the aforesaid Samuel Walles Plaintiff, and him the said Joseph Rasin Defendant, is by Habeas Corpus removed to the General Court to be held at Easton in Talbot County for the Eastern shore of this State, on the second Tuesday of September, of all which the said Court for the County of Kent aforesaid, hath legal notice by Habeas Corpus amongst the proceedings of the same Court filed & allowed.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the public seal of Kent County this fifth day of April seventeen hundred & ninety eight

Seal — Tho. Worrell Clk of Kent County Court

And the Sheriff of the County aforesaid also came and made return that he had the body of the said Joseph Rasin agreeable to the mandate of the said writ. And thereupon came as well the said Samuel Walles by James Houston his Attorney, as the said Joseph Rasin by his Attorney aforesaid. and thereupon further process of law upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid and by order of the Court was thereupon continued until the second Tuesday in September then next following. At which said second Tuesday in September came here again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid. And the said Samuel Walles assignee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid filed his Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Joseph Rasin, which here follows, Eastern Shore of Maryland Kent County to wit Joseph Rasin late of Kent County was summoned to answer unto Samuel Walles

assignee of George Vansant of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and eighty five pounds current money which he owes and unjustly detains from him &c. And whereupon the said Samuel Walles by James Houston his Attorney doth that whereas the said Joseph Rasin on the fifth day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory had granted himself to be held & bound unto the aforesaid George Vansant in the sum of two hundred and eighty five pounds current money of Maryland, to be paid unto the said George Vansant when he should be thereto afterwards required, and afterwards to wit, on the seventh day of January, in the year fourteen hundred and ninety two, the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof not being paid the said George Vansant by his certain writing under his hand and seal bearing date the same writing obligatory did assign the said writing obligatory to the said Samuel Walles and his assigns for value received, to wit, at Kent County aforesaid, and did then & there make oath before Levin Nicols Esquire then one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified, that he had received no part of the money mentioned in the said writing obligatory which Oath was at the time of making the Assignment aforesaid made and indorsed on the said writing obligatory, of all which the said Joseph Rasin afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the County aforesaid had notice, Nevertheless the said Joseph Rasin at the times required, the aforesaid sum of money to him the said Samuel hath not yet rendered, but that to him hitherto to render he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Samuel Walles in the sum of one hundred pounds current money as aforesaid & therefore he brings Suit and &c. And he brings into Court here as well the writing obligatory aforesaid which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid testifying is the same day and year aforesaid, as the writing of Assignment aforesaid under the hand and seal of the said George Vansant and the Oath aforesaid upon the writing obligatory aforesaid indorsed which the assignment of the said writing obligatory to him the said Samuel Walles in form aforesaid doth prove & the date of which assignment is the same day and year above mentioned &c. &c.

James Houston for Plff. pleads &c. John Doe and Richard Roe —

The writing obligatory, oath and assignment issue in the following words & figures to wit

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Rasin of Kent County and State of Maryland, farmer, am held and firmly bound unto George Vansant Clerk of the County and State aforesaid, merchant, in the sum of two hundred and eighty five pounds lawful money of the State of Maryland to be paid to the said George Vansant Clerk or to his certain Executors Administrators or Assigns. To the which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal and dated the fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two. 1792 — The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden Joseph Rasin or his Heirs Executors or Administrators jointly and severally or any of them, shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the above named George Vansant or to his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or assigns the sum and full sum of One hundred and forty two pounds 18/. money aforesaid on or before the first day of November next ensuing with lawful Interest thereon from