of April next, that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains and doth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ, witness the honorable Nicholas Ridgely Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of September 1797. Issued the 9. day of October 1797. (Wm) Jas Rd Hambleton Clk

At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight, being the return day of the aforegoing writ the chief Justice and associate Justices of Kent County Court, and the Sheriff of the said County, in obedience to the Command contained in the said Writ, to wit, the said Sheriff now hath here the body of the said Josiah Johnson and the said Justices certify and transmit to the Court here, a Record of the proceedings before the said County Court had, containing the cause of the Caption and detention of the said Josiah Johnson in the plea aft and all things thereunto relating, and which said Record & proceedings is in form following, to wit,

"The Execution of the above writ appears by the following proceedings —

"The Answer of James Helpman Esquire Chief Justice of the second district & Samuel Chew and Philip Reed Esquires associate Justices of Kent County Court & Cuthbert Hall Sheriff of the same County — We James Helpman chief Justice and Samuel Chew and Philip Reed associate Justices aforesaid & Cuthbert Hall Sheriff, to the Honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland — Certify — That Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the third Monday of March, seventeen hundred and ninety six, that he should take Josiah Johnson late of Kent County if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at the Court house in the Town of Chester in said County on the fourth Monday of October next to answer unto Acquilla Attie and Stephen Attie of a plea that he render unto them the sum of Eighty two pounds current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains &c. At which said fourth Monday of October seventeen hundred and ninety six came the aft Acquilla Attie and Stephen Attie by James Houston their Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ aft to the Court here thereon endorsed as follows, to wit.

"By virtue of the within Writ to me directed I do hereby Certify that I have taken the body of the within named Josiah Johnson whom I said body I have ready at the day and place within contained, to answer Cuthbert Hall Shff"

Thereupon Richard Witherede of Kent County in his proper person here into Court did come and became pledge and security for the aft Josiah Johnson that if it should happen to the said to be convicted in the plea aft, that then the same security granted, as well the debt aft as all the damages Cost and Charges which to the same Acquilla Stephen Attie in the plea aft should be adjudged of the Goods and chattels Lands and Tenements of the same Richard Witherede to be made and for the use of the said Stephen and Acquilla Attie to be levied if it should happen that the said Josiah Johnson the debt, damages Cost and charges aft of the same Acquilla and Stephen Attie in the plea aft should

not pay, or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County, on that occasion, render. And the aft Josiah Johnson by William Barnes his Attorney comes and defends the force & injury when and wherefore, and prayes liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aft until the third Monday of March next, and he had it the same day was given the aft Acquilla and Stephen here unto forth. At which said third Monday of March seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again the parties aft by their attorneys aft and the aft Josiah Johnson by his Attorney aft further defends the force and injury when & wherefore and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aft, until the second Monday of October next, and he had it the same day was given the aft Acquilla & Stephen here and doth. At which said second Monday of October seventeen hundred & ninety seven came again the parties aft by their Attorneys aft, and the aft Acquilla & Stephen Attie by James Houston their Attorney aft, offered themselves against the said Josiah Johnson in the plea aft, and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit "Kent County, to wit, Josiah Johnson late of Kent County was summoned to answer unto Acquilla Attie and Stephen Attie of a plea that he render unto them the sum of eighty two pounds current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and doth. And thereupon the said Acquilla and Stephen Attie by James Houston their Attorney say that whereas the said Josiah Johnson on the first day of May in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred, seven hundred and ninety five, in the County aft by his certain writing obligatory sealed with the Seal of the said Josiah Johnson and to the Court here now shewn, the date whereof is the same day and year aft acknowledged himself to be bound to the said Acquilla Attie and Stephen Attie in the said sum of Eighty two pounds current money; to be paid to the said Acquilla Attie and Stephen Attie when he the said Josiah Johnson should be thereunto requested. Nevertheless the said Josiah Johnson altho' often requested hath not yet paid the said Eighty two pounds to the said Acquilla Attie and Stephen Attie but hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse to pay the same to them, to the damage of the said Stephen and Acquila of Ten pounds and therefore they bring Suit. Jas Houston for plff — Pleas &c. John Doe & Richard Roe —

Copy of the writing obligatory and Condition as follows.

"Know all men by these presents that I Josiah Johnson of Kent County & State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Acquila Attie & Stephen Attie of Kent County and State of Delaware in the sum of eighty two pounds specie the paid unto the said Acquila Attie and Stephen Attie their certain Attorney, Heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns. To the which payment well and truly to be made and done I do bind myself, my Heirs, Exors Admors firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal and dated this first day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred & ninety five. The Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bound Josiah Johnson, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators shall do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Acquila Attie and Stephen Attie their certain Attorney, Heirs, Exors, Admors or Assigns the full and just sum of Forty one pounds specie on or before the first day of January next with legal Interest thereon. Then this Obligation to be void and of none effect, else to be and continue