County, low from the said writ was in form aforesaid executed, makes return thereof to this Court here this endorsed, to wit. Copie Ben. Hutchinson Shff.

And the said Defendants, being called, appears in Court here by James Scott, his Attorney. And at the prayer of the said Plaintiff he is adjudged to give special bail in this plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Defendants by his Attorney aforesaid files in Court here a certain bail piece, which being approved of by the Court, is as follows, to wit.

Robert Buchanan, plaintiff against Ryland Gears, defendant

Now James Quinn & Richard Wathered do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves, & yourselves Special bail for the said Ryland Gears at the suit of the said Robert Buchanan in an action of debt, brought by the said Robert Buchanan against the said Ryland Gears in the General Court April the 9th 1798. before the Hon.ble the Judges of the General Court.

John Lamb
W. Prisco

And the said Defendants by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave of the Court here to imparle unto the second Tuesday of September next, and this granted unto him the same day is given to the plaintiff then &c. At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred ninety eight, comes again into the General Court here the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid. And the said Plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid, files his Declaration against the Defendant in the Plea aforesaid, the tenor whereof follows in these words, to wit.

Eastern Shore General Court Kent County Sc. Ryland Gears late of Kent County Maryland, yeoman, was summoned to answer unto Robert Buchanan that he render unto him the sum of three hundred and fifty three pounds one shilling current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Robert by William Barroll his Attorney saith that whereas the said Ryland, on the twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety three at Kent County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Robert in the aforesaid sum of three hundred and fifty three pounds one shilling current money, to be paid unto him the said Robert when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the said Ryland the aforesaid sum of money to him the said Robert at divers times thereunto requested, hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him the said Robert to render or pay, he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse and unjustly detains, wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of three hundred pounds current money, wherefore he brings suit &c. And the said Robert brings here into Court the said obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of him the said Ryland which the said aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledgeth whose date is the day and year aforesaid — W.m Barroll

Pledges &c. Jno. Doe & Richd. Roe

Over of "Bond" and Condition is as follows, viz.

Know all men by these presents that we Robert Freeman and Ryland Gears both of Kent County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Robert Buchanan of the County and State aforesaid in the full and just sum

of three hundred and fifty three pounds one shilling current money to be paid unto the said Robert Buchanan his certain Attorney his Heirs, Exors Adm.rs or assigns: To which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Adm.rs jointly & severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 20th day of November anno Domini 1793. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Robert Freeman and Ryland Gears their or either of them their Heirs Executors or Administrators, shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Robert Buchanan, his Heirs Executors Administrators or assigns the just and full sum of One hundred and twenty six pounds ten shillings & six pence current money with legal Interest thereon, from the date hereof: Then the above Obligation to be void and of no effect, otherwise to stand and remain in full force and virtue in law. The interlining with this Bond was made previous to the Execution thereof.

Signed, sealed & delivered, in presence of
Maria Wickes — Sarah Wickes

Robt. Freeman (Seal)
Ryland Gears (Seal)

And thereupon the said plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid, prays that the said Defendant may answer to the Declaration of him the said plaintiff in the plea aforesaid; whereupon it is ruled by the Court here that the said Defendant answer to the Declaration aforesaid, and if the said Defendant doth not answer to the Declaration aforesaid Judgment will be rendered against him by default. And the said Defendant by his said Attorney defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave of the Court here, to imparle until the second Tuesday of April next, to answer to the Declaration aforesaid, and he hath it, the same day is given to the plaintiff then &c.

And now on this day to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine, comes into the General Court here the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid. And the said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. And saith that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid against the said plaintiff, nor can he deny that he owes unto the said plaintiff the aforesaid sum of two hundred and fifty three pounds one shilling current money in manner and form as the said plaintiff above against him hath complained; Therefore it is Considered by the Court here that the said Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant, as well the said sum of two hundred and fifty three pounds one shilling current money, his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged as the quantity of five hundred and thirty three pounds of Tobacco, for his damages which he hath sustained as well by reason of the detention of the said Debt as for his Costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended, adjudged unto the same Plaintiff, by the Court here with his assent; and the said Defendant in mercy &c.

Memorandum. Judgment was confessed in this action on the eleventh day of April seventeen hundred and ninety nine, for penalty & Costs, to be released on the payment of principal, Interest & Costs, payments if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till next Term.

James Earle junior Clerk