County, yeomen, 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, the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto Samuel Pleasants
Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants of a plea of Trespass upon
the case &c. And that he the said Sheriff should not fail therof at his peril and
should have then and there that writ. At which said second Tuesday of
in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety eight, came into Court
the said Samuel Pleasants and Sons by Nicholas Hammond their Attorney; and
the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County to whom the afore-recited writ was directed
makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit "Cepi Corpora
Henry Costin Shff." And the said James Clayland and John Wells being called
appear in Court here by James Scott and Richard Hopkinson Earle their Attorneys
and thereupon on motion of the said Samuel Pleasants & Sons they are called
to give special bail in the plea aft; whereupon the said James Clayland and
John Wells by their Attorney aft file in Court the following Bail piece, to wit.
Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants & Robert Pleasants. Plffs
agt James Clayland and John Wells. Defendants — You Philemon C. Blake
and Philemon Murphey do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves
special Bail for the said James Clayland and John Wells at the suit of
the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants
in an action on the case brought by the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants
John P. Pleasants, and Robert Pleasants against the said James Clayland and
John Wells with General Court — March the 28th 1798. before — Jonathan Dennis
Wm Taylor — The Hon.ble the Judges of the General Court —
And the said Clayland & Wells by their Attorney aft, pray leave to imparle
the second Tuesday in September next and they have it the same day is
given to the said Samuel Pleasants and Sons then &c. At which said second
Tuesday in September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety
comes again into Court the parties aft by their Attorneys aft. And the said Samuel
Pleasants and Sons by their Attorney aft, Declare against the said Clayland & Wells
in the plea aft as follows to wit, "The Eastern Shore of Maryland Queen Anne's
County to wit. James Clayland and John Wells late of Queen Anne's County
Yeomen were attached to answer unto Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants
John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants of a plea of Trespass upon the case &c
And whereupon the same Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants John P. Pleasants
and Robert Pleasants by Nicholas Hammond their Attorney complain that
Whereas the said James Clayland and John Wells on the ninth day of

November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three at the County aft were indebted
to the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants, trading
under the firm of John & Robert Pleasants & Company in the sum of two hundred and ninety
two pounds twelve shillings and fourpence current money, for divers goods wares & Merchandizes
then before that time sold and delivered, by the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants
John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants to the said James Clayland & John Wells at
their special Instance and request, and do therein being indebted the said James Clayland
and John Wells in Consideration thereof afterwards to wit, the same day and year aft at
the County aft assumed upon themselves and then and there faithfully promised the
said Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John Pleasants & Robert Pleasants, to pay them
the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants & Robert Pleasants, the sum of
money aft when they the said James Clayland and John Wells should be thereto
afterwards required. And whereas also the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants
John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants afterwards to wit, the day and year aft at
the County aft, had sold and delivered to the said James Clayland & John Wells,
divers other goods wares and Merchandizes, at their the special Instance & request
and the said James Clayland and John Wells in consideration thereof then and there
assumed upon themselves and faithfully promised, the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel
Pleasants, John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants trading under the Style & firm
of John & Robert Pleasants Company, to pay them the said Samuel Pleasants,
John P. Pleasants & Robert Pleasants as much Current money for the goods wares
and merchandizes last mentioned as the same at the time of the sale & delivery
thereof were reasonably worth, when they the said James Clayland and John Wells
should be thereto afterwards required. And the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel
Pleasants, John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants in fact say that the goods wares
and Merchandizes last mentioned at the time of the sale and delivery thereof were
reasonably worth one other sum of Two hundred and ninety two pounds, twelve
shillings and fourpence Current money to wit, at the County aft, whereof the said James
Clayland and John Wells then and there had notice. Nevertheless the said James
Clayland and John Wells their several promises and assumptions aft in form aft
made not ye[illegible] regarding but intending the said Samuel Pleasants, Israel
Pleasants John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants in this behalf to deceive and
defraud the several sums of money aft or any part thereof to the said Samuel
Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants & Robert Pleasants yet have not
nor hath either of them paid (all the to pay the same the said James Clayland & John
Wells, afterwards to wit, the tenth day of December, in the year aft, and often