The writing obligatory mentioned with a foregoing Declaration issues as follows, to wit: "Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Thompson of Queen Anne's County State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Henrietta Maria Blake wife of Charles Blake of the same County in the full and just sum of nine hundred fifty three pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Henrietta Maria Blake, her certain Attorney Executors or Administrators, and assigns To which payment well and truly to be made and done I hereby bind myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators, in and for the whole firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal and dated this twelfth day of November in the year four thousand one thousand seven hundred and ninety six — The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Joseph Thompson his Heirs Executors or Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Henrietta M. Blake, her Heirs, Executors and Administrators the full and lawful sum of four hundred and seventy six pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence current money of Maryland on or before the twelfth day of March seventeen hundred and ninety eight with legal Interest thereon from the date hereof then the above Obligation to be void and of no effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue in Law — Sealed and delivered in the presence of Wordeman Stevens — Joseph Thompson (Seal)

Thompson on motion of the said Henrietta M. Blake, by her Attorney aft. it is ruled by the court here, that the said Joseph Thompson answer to the Declaration with the plea aft., or Judgment will be rendered against him by default. And thereupon Joseph Thompson by his Attorney defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday of April next to answer to the Declaration aft. and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Henrietta M. Blake then &c.

And now here, to wit, the second Tuesday of April anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety nine, came again into Court the parties aft. by their attorneys aft. And the said Joseph Thompson by his Attorney defends the force and injury when &c. and doth not deny that he cannot gainsay the action aft., nor can he deny that he owes to the said Henrietta M. Blake the aft. sum of nine hundred and fifty three pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence current money, in manner and form as the said Henrietta M. Blake above against him hath complained. Therefore it is considered by the court here that the said Henrietta M. Blake recover against the said Joseph Thompson as well the sum of nine hundred and fifty three pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence current money, her debt by him in form aft. acknowledged; as the quantity of five hundred twenty nine pounds of tobacco, for her Damages which she hath sustained as well by occasion of the detention of the said Debt, as for her Costs & Charges by her about her suit, in this behalf expended; and the said Joseph Thompson in mercy &c.

Samuel Earle Junr. Clk.

Memorandum Judgment was confessed in this action on the 11th of April 1799 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.

State of Maryland for the use of Richard Tilghman Earle against Joseph Thompson

Be it remembered that on the eleventh day of May anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight Summons was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County to take Joseph Thompson late of Queen Anne's 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, the second Tuesday of September then next to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State, the sum of Ten thousand pounds current money, which to the same State he owed and from her unjustly detained and so forth. And that he the said Sheriff should not fail thereof at his peril and that he have then and there this writ. At which mentioned second Tuesday of April, anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight, being the return day of the aforesaid Writ, came into Court Richard T. Earle, Attorney for the said State of Maryland, and the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County to whom the said writ was directed makes return thereof thus endorsed to wit: "Cepi Henry Carter Shff." And the said Joseph Thompson being called appears in Court here by Robert Wright his Attorney. And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aft. Declares against the said Joseph Thompson in the plea aft. as follows, to wit: "Eastern Shore of Maryland Queen Anne's County, to wit: Joseph Thompson late of Queen Anne's County Gentleman, was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of Ten thousand pounds current money which to the same State he owes and from her he unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon Richard T. Earle attorney for the said State in this behalf to prosecute saith that whereas the said Thompson on the fourteenth day of December in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five at the County aft. by his certain writing obligatory sealed with his Seal and to the Court here shewn, the date of which is the same day and year, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the same State in the sum of Ten thousand pounds current money of Maryland to be paid to the same State when afterwards he was thereunto required. Nevertheless the aft. Thompson (altho' often thereunto required) the aft. sum of money to the said State yet hath not paid, but the same to the said State to pay he hath hitherto altogether refused, and still doth refuse, to the damage of the said State Ten thousand pounds current money and therefore the suit is brought and so forth. R. T. Earle for State. pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe —

The writing obligatory mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration issues as follows, to wit: Maryland to wit. Know all men by these presents that we Philemon Charles Blake, Robert Wright, attorney and Joseph Thompson of Queen Anne's County within State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full & just sum of Ten thousand pounds current money; to be paid to the said State or its certain