and sons, if it shall happen that the said Levin Handy shall not pay the said debt damages, costs and Charges, or render himself to the prison and Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid on that occasion. And the said Levin Handy by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September next and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Samuel Pleasants & Sons then &c. At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, And the said Samuel Pleasants and Sons by their said Attorney, Declare against the said Levin Handy in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit. The Eastern Shore of Maryland Worcester County, to wit. Levin Handy late of Worcester County, Gentleman, was summoned to answer, unto Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants & Robert Pleasants of a plea that he render unto them the sum of two hundred and twenty four pounds three shillings and ten pence halfpenny current money of Maryland which to them he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the same Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants and Robert Pleasants by Nicholas Hammond their Attorney say that whereas the said Levin Handy and a certain Joshua Hitch who is since deceased, and whom the said Levin Handy hath survived by the names and style of Handy and Hitch, on the eleventh day of November in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five at Baltimore, to wit, at the County aforesaid by their certain Bill obligatory, which sealed with the Seal of the said Levin Handy for and in behalf of himself and the said Joshua Hitch by the authority and consent of the said Joshua Hitch, the said plaintiffs here in bring, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, promised and obliged themselves to pay to the said plaintiffs or order, by the names and style of John & Robert Pleasants Company the aforesaid sum of two hundred and twenty four pounds three shillings & ten pence halfpenny current money, ninety days after the date of the same Bill for value received: To the payment whereof the said Levin Handy and Joshua Hitch did bind themselves jointly by the same Bill. Nevertheless the said Levin Handy & Joshua Hitch in the lifetime of the said Joshua Hitch, or the said Levin Handy after the death of the said Joshua Hitch, altho' often thereto required the said sum of money or any part thereof to the said plaintiffs, or to either of them yet have not, nor hath either of them paid, but the same to them to pay, the said Handy & Hitch in the lifetime of the said Hitch, and the said Handy after the death of the said Hitch, have hitherto altogether refused, and the same to them to pay the said Handy doth still refuse, to the damage of the said plaintiffs in the sum of three hundred pounds current money and therefore they bring their Suit &c. — N. Hammond Atty for plaintiffs. Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe.

The Bill obligatory mentioned in the aforegoing Declaration issues as follows viz. £224. 3. 10½. Balto 11th Nov. 1795. Ninety days after date I promise to pay to John & Robert Pleasants & Co: or order, two hundred and twenty four pounds three shillings and ten pence half penny, for value received, as witness our hands & seals. Test Thos Cammond jun. Handy & Hitch (Seal)

And thereupon on motion of the said Samuel Pleasants & sons by their Attorney aforesaid it is ordered by the Court here, that the said Levin Handy answer to the Declaration mentioned

or Judgment will be rendered against him by default. and the said Levin Handy by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave 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 said Samuel Pleasants and sons then &c. **And now here**, to wit, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety nine, came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, And the said Levin Handy by his Attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid, nor can he deny that he owes to the said Samuel Pleasants and sons the aforesaid sum of two hundred and twenty four pounds three shillings and ten pence halfpenny current money, in such manner and form as the said Samuel Pleasants and sons above against him hath complained, and that the said Samuel Pleasants and sons hath sustained damage by reason of the detention of the debt aforesaid, to the sum of One hundred pounds current money, besides their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this behalf laid out and expended. **Therefore** it is considered by the Court here, that the said Samuel Pleasants and sons recover against the said Levin Handy, as well the said sum of two hundred and twenty four pounds, three shillings and ten pence half penny current money their debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds, their Damages aforesaid acknowledged to be sustained, by reason of the detention of the said debt, as also the quantity of Five hundred and ninety five pounds of Tobacco for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this behalf laid out and expended, and the said Levin Handy in mercy &c.

Jas Earle Junr Clk

Judgment April the 11th 1799. for £224. 3. 10½. Debt, & £150 Damages & Costs. The Damages to be released on the payment of Interest on the debt, of £224. 3. 10½ from the 11th of February 1790. till the payment thereof, Payments if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till next September Term.

Samuel Pleasants & Sons against Levin Handy (R S)

Be it remembered that on the eighteenth day of October seventeen hundred and ninety seven Command was given to the Sheriff of Worcester County to take Levin Handy late of Worcester 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 for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton, the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto Samuel Pleasants, Israel Pleasants, John P. Pleasants & Robert Pleasants for a plea that he render unto them the sum of One hundred and seventy four pounds eighteen shillings & ten pence halfpenny current money of Maryland which to them he owes & unjustly detains &c. At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ came into Court the said Samuel Pleasants and sons by Nicholas Hammond their Attorney, and the Sheriff of Worcester County to whom the said Writ was directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit "Cepi & answered Ladock Sturgis Shff." And the said Levin Handy being called appears in Court here by Benjamin Dashiell his Attorney, and thereupon at the prayer of the said Samuel Pleasants & Sons by their