Judgments.

William Jones, Adm. of the

against

Robert M. Richardson

Be it remembered that on the twenty eighth day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight Capias was given to the Sheriff of Worcester County to take Robert M. Richardson late of Worcester County Merchant, 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 William Jones Administrator of all and singular the goods & chattels rights & credits of John Jones late of Worcester County deceased who died intestate as it is said of a plea that he render unto him the just & full sum of Three hundred and seventy five pounds lawful money of Maryland which from him he unjustly detains &c. At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred & ninety eight, being the return day of the ap writ, came into Court the said William Jones, Administrator as ap by William Whittington & Philip B. Key his Attorneys & the Sheriff of Worcester County, to whom the said Writ was directed made return thereof thus endorsed to wit. "Cepi & answered Zadock Stevens Shff." And the said Robert M. Richardson being called appeared in Court here by James B. Robins & Josiah Bayly his Attorneys, and thereupon on motion of the said William Jones by his Attorney ap, the said Robert M. Richardson was ruled to give special Bail in the plea ap, whereupon Levin Pollitt of Worcester County Gentleman, came here into Court in his own proper and undertook for the said Robert M. Richardson that in case the said William Jones should recover Judgment against the said Robert M. Richardson in the plea ap, or that the said Robert M. Richardson should be therein legally convicted, that then the said Robert M. Richardson should pay the condemnation of the Court therefor or render his body to the prison of Worcester of the Sheriff of the County ap in satisfaction thereof, or that he the said Levin Pollitt would do the same for him. And the said Robert M. Richardson by his Attorney ap defendes the force and injury when &c, and prayed leave to imparle until the second Tuesday of September next and he had it, the same day was given to the said William Jones then &c. At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties ap by their Attorneys ap, and the said William Jones by William Whittington one of his Attorneys, declares against the said Robert M. Richardson in the plea ap as follows to wit.

The State of Maryland &c. Robert M. Richardson late of Worcester County, Merchant was summoned to answer unto William Jones Administrator of all & singular the goods and chattels rights & credits of John Jones late of Worcester County deceased who died intestate as it is said of a plea that he render unto him the just & full sum of three hundred and seventy five pounds lawful money of Maryland which from him he unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said William Jones by William Whittington his Attorney says that whereas the said Robert M. Richardson the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one at the County ap by his certain Bill obligatory sealed with the seal of the said Robert M. Richardson & now here in Court brought the date whereof is the same day and year ap, acknowledged himself

to owe and promised to pay on the twentieth day of May thereafter next ensuing unto the said John Jones in his lifetime for value then received the just & full sum of three hundred & seventy five pounds lawful money of Maryland with legal Interest on the same from the date thereof until paid whenever he should be thereto afterwards required, and for which payment to be made & truly done he the said Robert M. Richardson bound himself fully by the said Bill obligatory. Nevertheless the said Robert after often requested by the said John Jones in his lifetime & by the said William Jones after the death of the said John, the sum of money ap or any part thereof to the said John in his lifetime or to the said William since the death of the said John, to whom Administration of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said John Jones after his death was committed by the Register of Wills for Worcester County he hath not rendered or paid, but the same to do hitherto altogether hath denied & still doth deny to the said William to render or pay & still doth deny and the same doth unjustly detain to the damage of the said William in his capacity ap in the sum of one thousand pounds current money of Maryland, and thereof he brings suit &c. and brings here into Court letters of Administration whereby it appears that the said William is Administrator of all & singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said John Jones deceased who died intestate and that the said William thereupon has administration &c. Wm. Whittington for the plff. John Doe & Richard Roe. pledges &c.

The Bill obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration ap follows as follows. On the twentieth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety one we promise to pay or cause to be paid to John Jones his heirs Exors Admrs or assigns for full value received the just & full sum of three hundred and seventy five pounds lawful money of the State of Maryland with legal Interest on the same from the date hereof until paid, to which payment to be made and truly done, we bind ourselves our heirs exors & Admrs or assigns firmly by these presents, jointly and severally. As witness our hands and seals at Snow Hill this 20th day of May seventeen hundred ninety one. Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of Philip Denston. Seph Bennet. Levin Pollitt (Seal) Robert M. Richardson (Seal)

And thereupon on motion of the said William Jones by his Attorney ap it was ruled by the Court here that the said Robert M. Richardson should answer to the Declaration in the plea ap, or Judgment would be rendered against him by default, and the said Robert M. Richardson by his Attorney ap defended the force and injury when &c and prayed leave to imparle until the second Tuesday of April then next and he had it, the same day was given to the said William Jones then &c. And now here, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety nine, came again into Court the parties by their Attorneys ap, and the said Robert M. Richardson by his Attorney ap defends the force and injury when &c, and saith that he cannot gainsay the action ap nor can he deny that he owes to the said William Jones the ap sum of three hundred and seventy five pounds current money in manner and form as the said William Jones above against him hath complained, nor that the ap William Jones hath sustained Damage by reason of the detention of the said debt to the sum of two hundred pounds current money besides his Costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended; Wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the said William Jones recover against the said Robert M. Richardson, as well the said of three hundred and seventy five pounds current money his debt ap in form ap confessed