directed made return to the Court here that he had taken the said William C. Hitch, Tubman Lowes and William Ellegood, whom bodies he had ready, according to the exigence of the said writ. And the said Hitch, Lowes & Ellegood by Benjamin Dashiell, his attorney came here into Court, and at the prayer of the said William Williams by his attorney &c. they are assigned to give special bail in the plea &c. whereupon the said Defendants by their Attorney &c. filed in Court here the following bail specialties to wit, Now Solon Hitch of Ashley and Jonas W. Walter do jointly and severally acknowledge ourselves special bail for the said William C. Hitch, Tubman Lowes and William Ellegood, at the suit of the said William Williams in an action of debt brought by the said William Williams against the said William C. Hitch, Tubman Lowes & William Ellegood in the General Court. April the seventh 1798. Before — Will Stone. Thos H Gillis

And the said Defendants by their Attorney aforesaid defend the force and injury when &c. and prayed leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September next and they had it the same day was given to the said William Williams then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties &c. by their Attorneys &c. And the said William Williams by his Attorney &c. declared against the said Defendants in the plea &c. as follows to wit.

Eastern Shore of Maryland Somerset County to wit. William C. Hitch late of Somerset County planter, Tubman Lowes late of Somerset County planter, & William Ellegood late of Somerset County planter were summoned to answer unto William Williams of a plea that they render unto him the sum of one hundred & fifty five pounds fourteen shillings and fourpence current money of Maryland which to him they owe and unjustly detain &c. and whereupon the said William Williams by Josiah Bayly his Attorney, saith that whereas the said William C. Hitch, Tubman Lowes and William Ellegood on the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety six at the County &c. by their certain Bill Obligatory sealed with the seals of the said William C. Hitch, Tubman Lowes and William Ellegood and here into Court now brought the date whereof is the same day and year &c. acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound to the said William Williams in the sum of one hundred and fifty five pounds fourteen shillings and fourpence current money of Maryland to be paid to the said William Williams, when they the said William C. Hitch, Tubman Lowes and William Ellegood should be thereto afterwards required. Nevertheless the said William C. Hitch, Tubman Lowes and William Ellegood the said sum of money or any part thereof, to the said William Williams yet have not rendered or paid (altho' thereto often required) but the same to him to render or pay hitherto altogether have refused and still do refuse to the damage of the said William Williams three hundred pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit &c. Josiah Bayly for plff. John Dec. & Rich.d Roe pleaders &c.

The Bill Obligatory whereof mention is made in the foregoing Declaration runs as follows to wit. — Maryland Somerset County. We, our selves shall oblige ourselves the subscribers our Heirs or Assigns to pay unto William Williams his Heirs or Assigns the sum of One hundred and fifty five pounds fourteen shillings & fourpence for value received. As witness our hands and Seals this 20th day of May 1796. Test Thos Bayly — Wm C. Hitch (Seal) Tubman Lowes (Seal) Wm Ellegood (Seal)

And thereupon the said William Williams by his Attorney &c. prayed that the said Defendants might be said under a rule of the said Court to file his plea in writing to

the Declaration &c. on or before the second Tuesday in April then next, or that judgment by default thereof against the said Defendants might be rendered, and thereupon granted unto him the same days given to the said William Williams then &c. Held now here to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine, came again into Court the parties &c. by their Attorneys &c. And the said Defendants by their said Attorney defend the force and injury when &c. and say that they cannot gainsay the action &c. nor do they deny that they owe unto the said William Williams the &c. sum of one hundred and fifty five pounds fourteen shillings and fourpence current money in manner and form as the said William Williams above against him hath declared. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said William Williams recover against the said Defendants, as well his debt &c. in form &c. acknowledged, as the sum of one hundred pounds current money, for his damages which he hath sustained, as also the quantity of five hundred and fifty one pounds of Tobacco, for his Costs and charges by him about his suit, in this behalf expended, and the said Defendants in mercy &c. — James Earle Jun.r Clerk

Judgment April the 10th 1799. for £ debt and £100 damages & Costs. Damages to be released on the payment of Tobacco or £15.5.4 with Interest from 20th May 1796. the paid Costs. Stay till next Term. Payments if any to be allowed. —

Levin Handy (A.S.) against Tubman Lowes

Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of March seventeen hundred and ninety eight a Mandamus was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County to take Tubman Lowes late of Somerset County planter if he should be found within 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 in Talbot County the second Tuesday in April then next, to answer unto Levin Handy of a plea that he render unto him the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds current money of Maryland, which to him he owed and unjustly detained &c. At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety eight being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, came into Court the said Levin Handy by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney and the Sheriff of Somerset County to whom the said writ was in form &c. directed made return thereof to the Court here thus indorsed to wit. "Lepi to answer Geo. Handy Shff." And the said Tubman Lowes by Benjamin Dashiell his Attorney came here into Court, and defended the force and injury when &c. and prayed leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September then next &c. which the said same day was given to the said Tubman Lowes then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties &c. by their Attorneys &c. And the said Levin Handy by his Attorney &c. declared against the said Tubman Lowes in the plea &c. as follows to wit. State of Maryland Eastern Shore Somerset County to wit. Tubman Lowes late of Somerset County planter was summoned to answer unto Levin Handy of a plea that he render unto him the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds current money money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Levin Handy A.S. by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney, says that the said Tubman Lowes on the third day of April in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety seven at the County &c. by his certain writing obligatory which sealed with the seal of the said Lowes the said