Levin Handy (A.S.) his Heirs Executors, Administrators assigns or legal attorney the full and just sum of two hundred and ninety three pounds current money of Maryland on or before the third day of May next ensuing the date hereof it being for value received. As witness my hand and Seal this third day of April Seventeen hundred and ninety seven. Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of Isaac Henry — Subman Lowes (Seal)

And the said Levin Handy by his Attorney (ap), prayed that the said Subman Lowes might be laid under a rule to file his plea in answer to the Declaration (ap), on or before the second Tuesday in April then next or that Judgment in default thereof against him might be rendered; and it was granted unto him the same day was given to the said Levin Handy then &c. And now here, to wit, the second Tuesday in April Seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap) And the said Subman Lowes 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 unto the said Levin Handy the (ap) sum of two hundred and ninety three pounds current money in manner and form as the said Levin Handy above against him hath complained, nor that the said Levin Handy hath sustained damage to the sum of One hundred pounds current money besides his Costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the said Subman Lowes in mercy &c.

James Earle Clerk

"Judgment April the 14th 1799 for £293 debt & £100 damages & Costs to be released on the payment of £293 with Interest from 3d of May 1797 till paid & payments if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till next Term —

Andrew Adams against Subman Lowes & William E. Hitch

Be it remembered that on the second day of April Seventeen hundred and ninety eight Common and was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County to take Subman Lowes late of Somerset County planter and William E. Hitch late of Somerset County planter, 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 for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Easton the second Tuesday in April then instant, to answer unto Andrew Adams of a plea that they render unto him the sum of two hundred and thirty two pounds current money of Maryland, which to him they owe and unjustly detain &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 Andrew Adams by John Holbrook his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Somerset County to whom the said writ was directed made return that he had taken the body of the said Subman Lowes and William E. Hitch whom he had ready, according to the tenor of the said writ. And the said Lowes & Hitch by Benjamin Dashiell their Attorney came here into Court, and on motion of the said Andrew Adams by his Attorney &c they were ruled by the Court here that the said Lowes and Hitch give Special bail within plea (ap) and thereupon the said Lowes & Hitch by their Attorney (ap) filed in Court here the following Bail piece to wit: "You John Hitch of Isaac & James W. Waller do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special bail for the said Subman

Lowes and William E. Hitch at the suit of the said Andrew Adams in an action of debt brought by the said Andrew Adams against the said Subman Lowes and William E. Hitch in the Annal Court. April the seventh 1798. before Mill Stone & Gillis. — And the said Lowes & Hitch by their Attorney (ap) defended the force and injury when &c. Praying leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September then next and they have it the same day given to the said Andrew Adams then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attorney (ap), And the said Andrew Adams by his said Attorney declared against the said Lowes & Hitch in a plea (ap) as follows to wit. Maryland S. Subman Lowes late of Somerset County planter and William E. Hitch late of Somerset County planter were summoned to answer unto Andrew Adams of a plea that they render unto him the sum of two hundred and thirty two pounds current money of Maryland which to him they owe & unjustly detain and forbear. And whereupon the said Andrew by John Holbrook his Attorney says that whereas the said Subman Lowes and William E. Hitch, together with a certain Joshua Hitch lately deceased, whom the said Subman & William survived, in the lifetime of the said William to wit, on the fourth day of June in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety five, at Somerset County (ap) by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be jointly and severally bound unto the said Andrew Adams in the full and just sum of two hundred and thirty two pounds current money of Maryland when they should be thereunto afterwards required. Nevertheless the said Subman William & Joshua (in the lifetime of the said Joshua) and the said Subman & William after the death of the said Joshua, to wit, on the first day of January in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety seven at Somerset County (ap) and often before & since hath been requested, hath not paid the said sum of money (ap) or any part thereof to the said Andrew, but hath hitherto altogether refused, and the said Subman still refuseth to pay the same to him to the damage of the said Andrew five hundred pounds current money of Maryland & therefore he brings suit &c. And brings here into Court the (ap) aforesaid obligatory sealed with the Seal of the (ap) Subman William & Joshua (ap) which bears date the day & year (ap) in form (ap) the date whereof is the day and year (ap) &c.

John Holbrook. (Profffs.) John Doe & Richard Roe. pledges &c.

State of Maryland Somerset County Sc. Know all men by these presents that we Subman Lowes William E. Hitch & Joshua Hitch of the State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Andrew Adams of the said State and County in the full & just sum of two hundred thirty two pounds current money of Maryland, to be paid unto the said Andrew Adams his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns. To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we do bind ourselves our Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly and for the whole firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this fourth day of June 1795. The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Subman Lowes do shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Andrew Adams his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the just & full sum of one hundred and sixteen pounds current money (ap) at or before the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord 1796 with legal interest on the same then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in Law. Given under our hands Sealed & delivered, in the presence of Miss Nancy Hitch — Subman Lowes (Seal) Wm E. Hitch (Seal) Joshua Hitch (Seal)

Now thereupon on motion of the said Andrew Adams by his Attorney (ap) it is ordered by the Court here that the said Lowes & Hitch answer to the Declaration (ap), on or before the second Tuesday in April then next or Judgment would be rendered against them &c. At the same day was given to the said Andrew Adams then &c. And now here, to wit,