William Campbell
use of Leonard M. Deakins
against
Robert Dennis

Be it remembered, that on the Seventeenth day of August 1797 Original was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County, to state Robert Dennis late of Dorchester County Gentleman, if otherwise called Robert Dennis of the County aforesaid, if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday in September next, to answer unto William Campbell of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of four hundred and nine pounds ten shillings current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. forsaith. Since the said William Campbell, on the day of impetration hereof sworn faith the aforesaid, levit, declared against the said Robert Dennis as follows towit. Eastern Shore State of Maryland &c. Dorchester County &c. Robert Dennis late of Dorchester County Gentleman, otherwise called Robert Dennis of the County aforesaid was summoned to answer unto William Campbell of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of four hundred and nine pounds ten shillings current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. Upon And whereupon the said William by Philip B. Key his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Robert on the fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five at Dorchester County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said William, in the aforesaid sum of four hundred and nine pounds ten shillings current money to be paid unto him the said William when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Robert (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of four hundred and nine pounds ten shillings current money to him the said William hath not rendered or paid, but the same or any part thereof to him hitherto to render or pay hath altogether refused & still doth refuse whereupon the said William saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of one thousand pounds current money, and therefore he brings suit and &c. and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Robert, which the debt aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and &c. forsaith. — John Doe P.

Philip B. Key for the plaintiff pledges &c. forsaith } Richard Roe } —

The Copy of the writing obligatory aforesaid, and the Condition thereof follows in these words, to wit:

Dorchester &c. Know all men by these presents that I Robert Dennis of the County aforesaid am held and firmly bound unto Capt. William Campbell in the sum of four hundred and nine pounds ten shillings current money of Maryland Truly to be paid for which payment well and truly to be made to the said William Campbell his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns, I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents. Witness my hand & seal this 15th day of December anno domini 1795. The Condition of the above Obligation is such

that if the above bound Robert Dennis his Heirs Executors or Administrators shall pay or satisfy unto the said William Campbell his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the sum of four hundred and forty nine pounds fifteen shillings current money aforesaid on or before the thirty first day of December in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six: That then the above Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force. Signed sealed & delivered, in the presence of Richard Waters. — Robt Dennis (Seal)

The following Assignment was filed with the Bond, to wit —

Sir, I have transferred my right, title and interest to Mr. R. Dennis note to Mr. Leonard Marbury Deakins, which was put into your hands to bring suit on, or if the money has been paid to you, you will pay it to Mr. Deakins this receipt will be your discharge for so doing. I am Sir Your H. Sr. Thos Sim — Secretary Virginia June 16. 1797. Mr. Philip B. Key Esquire Attorney at Law — Copies of the said Declaration & Bond were made and sent with the writ. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety seven being the day of the return of the said writ, came into Court the said William Campbell by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to whom the said writ was directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed towit. "Cepi. Copy left Jno Dorsett Shff." And the said Robert Dennis being called appeared in Court here, and defended the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in April next and he had it the same day is given to the said William Campbell then &c. — At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and thereupon on motion of the said William Campbell by his Attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Robert Dennis answer to the Declaration or else judgment will be rendered against him by default; and the said Robert Dennis by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September next to answer to the Declaration aforesaid and he hath it the same day is given to the said William Campbell then &c. — At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Robert Dennis by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays further leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in April next to answer to the Declaration aforesaid and he hath it the same day is given to the said William Campbell then &c. — At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Robert Dennis by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays further leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September next to answer to the Declaration aforesaid and he hath it the same day is given to the said William Campbell then &c. — At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Robert Dennis by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays further leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in April next to answer to the Declaration aforesaid and he hath it the same day is given to the said William Campbell then &c. — At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Robert Dennis by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays over of the said writing obligatory in the said Declaration mentioned and it is read to him as follows towit. Dorchester &c. Know all men by these presents that I Robert Dennis of the County aforesaid am held and firmly bound unto Captain William Campbell in the sum of four hundred and nine pounds ten shillings current money of Maryland To which Payment well and truly to be made to the said William Campbell his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents: Witness my hand and seal this 15 day of December anno domini 1795. and he also prays over of the Condition of the said writing obligatory in the said Declaration mentioned and it is read to him as follows towit. The Condition of the above Obligation is such