by default thereof, the same day was given to the said Ann Muse then &c — And now here on this day to wit, in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety nine come here again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said John Eccleston 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 the writing obligatory aforesaid is the Deed of him the said John Eccleston, nor that he owes unto the said Ann Muse the aforesaid sum of four hundred pounds current money in manner & form as the said Ann Muse above against him hath declared. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Ann Muse recover against the said John Eccleston her debt aforesaid in form aforesaid as also the quantity of five hundred and twenty one pounds of Tobacco for her damages which she hath sustained, as well by occasion of the Detention of that debt, as for her costs and Charges by her about her suit in this behalf expended, and the said John Eccleston in mercy &c.

James Earle Sheriff

Judgment was confessed in this action on the seventeenth day of April in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety nine, for Penalty & Costs. To be released on the payment of the principal Interest & Costs. Payments if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till the next Term —

Ann Muse use of Sanbury & Lloyde against John Eccleston

Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of March in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety eight Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County to take John Eccleston late of Dorchester County if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safely 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 in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto Ann Muse of a plea that he render unto her the sum of four hundred pounds current money which to her he owes and from her unjustly detains and withholds — and that thereof the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and that he should have then & there this writ. At which said second Tuesday in April Seventeen hundred ninety eight being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, came into Court the said Ann Muse by William Bond Martin her Attorney, and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to whom the said writ was directed made return thereof to the Court here this endorse, to wit: "Pursuant to answer, Henry Pate Sheriff of the County aforesaid. Arise the within John Eccleston being called appeared in Court here by Henry Waggaman his Attorney and thereupon at the prayer of the said Ann Muse, by her Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court here that the said John Eccleston give Special Bail in this plea aforesaid. Whereupon the said John Eccleston by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit: "You James Sulivane and John Harper do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said John Eccleston, at the suit of the said Ann Muse in an action of debt, brought by the said Ann Muse against the said John Eccleston in the General Court — March the 2d. 1798. before — Geo: Stevens John Reed — To the honorable the Judges of the General Court — And the said John Eccleston by his Attorney aforesaid defendes the force & injury when &c and prayed leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September then next the

said day was given to the said Ann Muse then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight came here again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Ann Muse by her Attorney aforesaid filed her Declaration in this plea aforesaid against the said John Eccleston which here follows, — Eastern Shore of Maryland, Dorchester County to wit — John Eccleston late of Dorchester County was summoned to answer unto Ann Muse of a plea that he render unto her the sum of three hundred pounds current money which to her he owes and from her unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Ann by William Bond Martin her Attorney aforesaid says that the said John on the third day of May in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory, which, sealed with the seal of the said John the said Ann doth here into Court bring the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Ann in the sum of three hundred pounds current money to be paid to the said Ann when he should be thereto afterwards requested to the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done the said John bound himself his Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by the same writing obligatory. Nevertheless the said John altho' thereto often requested, the said sum of money or any part thereof unto the said Ann yet hath not hitherto paid but altogether hath refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Ann six hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and she doth therefore bring suit &c.

Wm Martin for Pltff Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe —

The writing obligatory above mentioned follows in the following words, to wit —

Know all men by these presents that I John Eccleston of Dorchester County am held & firmly bound unto the said Ann Muse of said County in the full and just sum of three hundred pounds Specie money to be paid to the said Ann Muse her certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns. To which Payment well and truly to be made & done I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal and dated the third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety — The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden John Eccleston his Heirs Executors Administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Ann Muse or to her certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of One hundred pounds specie money on or before the first day of May Seventeen hundred ninety three without any fraud or delay then this Obligation to be void & of none effect, or else to remain in full force & virtue in Law —

Sealed & delivered, in the presence of Margaret Muse — Joseph Scott — } John Eccleston (Seal)

And thereupon on motion of the said Ann Muse by her Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court here that the said John Eccleston should answer to the Declaration aforesaid on or before the second Tuesday in April then next or Judgment would be rendered against him by default thereof; the same day was given to the said Ann Muse then &c. And now here to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred ninety nine, comes again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said John Eccleston by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c and saith that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid nor that he owes unto the said sum of three hundred pounds current money in manner and form as the said Ann Muse above against him hath