The writing obligatory above mentioned, mean with the following words, to wit.

Know all men by these presents that we John Manning & Thomas Woolford both of Dorchester County are held and firmly bound to James Steele of said County in the full and just sum of three hundred and thirty four pounds fourteen shillings current money of the State aforesaid, to be paid to the said James Steele his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made and done we do hereby bind ourselves & each of us jointly & severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our Seals & dated this first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety five — The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Thomas Manning or Thomas Woolford their Heirs Executors or Administrators do & shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the above named James Steele his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full & just sum of One hundred and seventeen pounds seventeen shillings in Gold or Silver current money of the State aforesaid with legal Interest for the same, Then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to stand and remain in full force. John Manning (Seal) Thomas Woolford (Seal) — Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of Jeffry Hale — On the back of the said Bond was the following Endorsement, to wit. March April 9th 1796 Came James Steele before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for Dorchester County, & made oath on the holy Evangels that he had received of the principal or Interest due on the within Obligation in the lifetime of John Manning deceased, or any security or satisfaction for the same to the best of his knowledge — Samuel Brown

And thereupon on motion of the said James Steele by his Attorney aforesaid it is ordered by the Court that the said Nathaniel Manning should answer to the Declaration in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment would be rendered against him in default thereof on or before the second Tuesday in April then next, and the same day was given to the said James Steele then &c. **And now here**, to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine, comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Nathaniel Manning by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c, and saith that he cannot deny the action aforesaid, or that he unjustly detains from the said James Steele, the aforesaid sum of two hundred & thirty four pounds fourteen shillings current money in manner & form as the said James Steele above against him hath complained. **Therefore** it is considered by the Court here that the said James Steele recover against the said Nathaniel Manning as well the said sum of two hundred and thirty four pounds fourteen shillings current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed, as the damages of Six hundred and nineteen pounds of the same for his damages which he hath sustained, as well by reason of the detention of the said debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended, to be levied of the Goods & Chattels which were of the said John Manning at the time of his death, in the hands of the said Nathaniel Manning remaining to be administered if so much thereof in his hands he hath, and if so much thereof he hath not then the costs and Charges aforesaid to be levied of the proper goods & chattels of the said Nathaniel

Manning, and the said Nathaniel Manning in mercy &c. James Steele Plaintiff &c. Judgment was entered in this Action on the seventeenth day of April 1799 for Penalty & Costs. To be released on the payment of Principal Interest & Costs — Payments if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till next Term —

James Steele
against
Thomas Woolford

Be it remembered that on the twenty eighth day of February seventeen hundred ninety eight Commands was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County to take Thomas Woolford late of Dorchester County 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 in the said County the second Tuesday in April next, to answer unto James Steele of a plea that he render unto him the sum of three hundred and thirty four pounds fourteen shillings current money which to him he owed and unjustly detained &c. and that he the said Sheriff should not fail thereof at his peril and should then & there have that 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 James Steele by William B. Martin his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Dorchester County, to whom the said writ was directed made return thereof to the Court here thus and said to wit. "Cepi Hanc Scabe Shff" and the said Thomas Woolford being called & present in Court by Isaiah Bagly his Attorney, and thereupon on motion of the said James Steele by his Attorney aforesaid it is ordered by the Court that the said Thomas Woolford give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid whereupon the said Thomas Woolford by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here a certain Bailpiece, the Tenor whereof is as follows, to wit. "We Daniel M'Donnell & James Jones do jointly and severally acknowledge ourselves Special bail for the said Thomas Woolford at the Suit of the said James Steele in an action of debt brought by the said James Steele against the said Thomas Woolford in the General Court. April 2d 1798 before, Thos. Jones, Saml. W. Peter. And the said Thomas Woolford by his Attorney aforesaid defended the force & injury when &c, and prayed leave to imparle until the second Day in September next then next and he had it. The same day was given to the said James Steele then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said James Steele by his Attorney aforesaid declared against the said Thomas Woolford in the plea aforesaid, as follows, to wit. "Eastern Shore of Maryland Dorchester County, to wit. Thomas Woolford late of Dorchester County was summoned to answer unto James Steele of a plea that he render unto him the sum of three hundred and thirty four pounds fourteen shillings current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said James by William Bond Martin his Attorney says that the said Thomas on the first day of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety five at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory which sealed and