into Court brings the date whereof is the same day and year afs, acknowledges himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Joseph Dawson in the afs sum of Five hundred & eighty pounds seventeen shillings and six pence current money of Maryland; to be paid to the said Joseph Dawson or his Assigns when he the said Robert Rolle should be thereto afterwards required. To the payment whereof well & truly the said Robert Rolle did bind himself firmly by the same writing — Nevertheless the said Robert Rolle all the often thereto required the sum afs mentioned afs or any part thereof to the said Joseph Dawson yet hath not paid, but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Joseph Dawson in the sum of four hundred pounds current money &c. Therefore he brings this suit &c.

Mr Hammond for Plff. John Doe & Richd Roe pledges &c.

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration sworn as follows to wit — Know all men by these presents that I Robert Rolle of Talbot County and State of Maryland am held & firmly bound unto Joseph Dawson of the County and State afs in the full and just sum of two hundred & eighty pounds seventeen shillings six pence Specie, to be paid to the said Joseph Dawson or to his certain Attorney, Executors Administrators or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs or Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal dated the 2d day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety eight. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Robert Rolle his heirs Executors Administrators or any of them shall & do well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Joseph Dawson or to his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of One hundred & forty pounds eight shillings & nine pence afs, on or before the twentieth Day of this present month March without any fraud or delay then this Obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force & virtue in Law. Sealed & delivered in the presence of

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and thereupon on motion of the said Joseph Dawson by his Attorney afs, it was ordered by the Court, that the said Robert Rolle should answer to Declaration afs, on or before the next Term or Judgment would be rendered against him by default, the same day was given to the said Joseph Dawson then &c. — And now here, to wit, the second Tuesday in April anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety nine, comes again into the General Court the parties afs by their Attorneys afs and the said Robert Rolle by his Attorney afs, files his plea in answer to the Declaration afs, in the following words to wit — And the same Robert Rolle by Thomas Jones Bullitt his Attorney afs defends the force and injury when &c and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory afs and its date to him on these words following, to wit — Know all men by these presents that I Robert Rolle of Talbot County & State of Maryland am held & firmly bound unto Joseph Dawson of the County and State afs in the full just sum of two hundred and eighty pounds seventeen shillings six pence Specie to be paid to the said Joseph Dawson or to his 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. Dated the second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety eight. The afs & prays an hearing of the Condition of the same writing obligatory

and its is herein read to him in these words following to wit. The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bounden Robert Rolle his Heirs Executors Administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Joseph Dawson or to his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of one hundred & forty pounds eight shillings & nine pence lawful money afs on or before the twentieth day of this present month March, without any fraud or delay, then this Obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force & virtue in Law. — Which being severally read to the said Robert Rolle he says that the said Dawson his action afs thereof against him to have or maintain ought not, because he says that after the Execution of the said writing obligatory and before the impetration of the original writ in this cause to wit on the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & at the County afs he the said Robert Rolle paid to the said Dawson the said principal sum of one hundred & forty pounds eight shillings & nine pence current money of Maryland, with the condition mentioned together with all the Interest then thereon due, according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided and this the said Rolle is ready to verify; wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Dawson his action afs thereof against him to have or maintain ought &c. — Nevertheless the said Robert Rolle relinquishing the aforesaid plea pleaded saith that he cannot deny the action afs, nor that he owes unto the said Joseph Dawson the afs sum of two hundred & eighty pounds seventeen shillings six pence current money in manner and form as the said Joseph Dawson above against him hath complained. Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Joseph Dawson recover against the said Robert Rolle, as well the said sum of two hundred and eighty pounds seventeen shillings six pence, current money his debt afs in form afs conspected, as the quantity of two hundred & sixty three pounds of Tobacco 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 laid out and expended; and the said Robert Rolle in mercy &c. —

James Earl Jun.

Judgment was confessed in this action on the 15th April 1799 for penalty to be released on the payment of principal Interest & Costs. Payments of any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till the next Term —

Robert Walters use of **William H. Nicholson** against **Levin Stevens**

Be it remembered, that on the twenty second day of March seventeen hundred and ninety eight Capias and was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County to take Levin Stevens late of Talbot County, farmer, 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 at Easton in Talbot County, the second Tuesday in April then next, to answer unto Robert Walters assignee, according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such cases lately made and provided of a plea that he render unto him the sum of twelve hundred pounds current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and hath and that he the said Sheriff should not fail thereof at his peril, and should then and there have that writ. And the said Robert Walters by Richard T. Earle his Attorney on the day of issuing the afs writ, Declared against the said Levin Stevens in this plea afs, as follows to wit —

Eastern Shore of Maryland Talbot County, to wit. Levin Stevens late of Talbot County