was given to the said Robert Walters then &c. And nowhere, to wit, the second Thursday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Levin Stevens by his Attorney aforesaid files his plea in answer to the Declaration aforesaid in the following words, to wit. And the same Levin Stevens by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney comes & defends the force and injury when &c. and prays an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and the same being read to him in the words following, to wit. Know all men by these presents that we Levin Stevens Samuel Stevens and Robert Martin junr. of Talbot County within State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto William Hopper Nicholson of Queen Anns County in the said State in the full and just sum of twelve hundred pounds current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said William Hopper Nicholson his certain Attorney Executors Administrators and Assigns To which payment well and truly to be made & done we hereby bind ourselves our each of us, our and each of our Heirs Executors & Administrators in and for the whole sum jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. He also prays an hearing of the condition of the same writing obligatory and the same being read to him in the words following, to wit. — The condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Levin Stevens, Samuel Stevens or Robert Martin junr. or either of them, their or either of their Heirs, Executors or Administrators do shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named William Hopper Nicholson his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of six hundred pounds current money of Maryland in manner following, to wit — the sum of two hundred pounds part thereof on the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight with legal Interest on the whole sum from the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven; the sum of two hundred pounds more thereof, on the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine with legal Interest on the remaining four hundred pounds from the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred ninety eight and the sum of two hundred pounds the residue thereof the aforesaid sum of six hundred pounds, on the first day of January which shall be in the year Eighteen hundred with legal interest thereon from the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine; then the above Obligation to be void and of no effect, but if default shall be made in payment of any of the said several and respective sums of money above mentioned, or any part thereof on any of the said several days & times above limitted for payment thereof, then this Obligation to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law — Which being severally read and heard the same Levin Stevens says that the said Robert Walters ought not to have or maintain his said action against him because he says, that the said Declaration and the matters therein contained are not sufficient in Law for him the said Robert Walters to have his said action thereof maintained against him the said Levin Stevens, to which said Declaration in the manner and form as the same is set forth he the said Levin Stevens is under no necessity nor in any wise bound by the Law of the land to answer in any manner whereupon by reason of the defect of a sufficient Declaration in this case he the said Levin Stevens prays Judgment and that the said Robert Walters may be precluded from having & maintaining his said action against him &c — nevertheless the said Levin Stevens by his Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the plea above by him pleaded

saith that he cannot deny the action aforesaid, no that he owes unto the said Robert Walters the aforesaid sum of twelve hundred pounds current money in manner and form as the said Robert Walters above against him hath complained: Wherefore the consideration by the Court here, that the said Robert Walters recover against the said Levin Stevens, as well the said sum of twelve hundred pounds current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed, as the quantity of eight hundred and nine pounds of Tobacco for his Damages which he hath sustained, as well by reason of the retention of the said debt as for his costs & charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended, and the said Levin Stevens in mercy &c —

James Earle Cmr. Clk.

Judgment was confessed in this Action on the 12th April 1799 for penalty & costs Thereon on the payment of principal Interest & Costs — payments if any to be allowed Stay of Execution till the next Term —

Robert Walters, use of William H. Nicholson against Robert Martin junr.

Be it remembered that the proceedings in this case are the same as the preceding one against Levin Stevens —

James Earle Cmr. Clk.

William S. Bond, use of William Tilghman against John W. Harrison

Be it remembered that on the second day of April seventeen hundred & ninety eight, summons was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County, to take John Wynn Harrison late of Talbot County, Gentleman, if should be found within 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 of April then instant to answer unto William Hardesty Bond of a plea that he render unto him the penal sum of two hundred pounds current money of Maryland, which to him he owed and unjustly detained &c — and that thereof 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 and ninety eight, being the return day of the aforesaid writ, came into Court the said William S. Bond by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Talbot County aforesaid, to whom the same writ was directed made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit. "Cepi so says Edw. Cox Shff T.C." And the said John W. Harrison being called appeared in Court here by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney; and defended the force and injury when &c. and prayed time to imparle until the next Term and he had it, the same day was given, to the said William S. Bond 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 William S. Bond by his Attorney aforesaid declared against the said John W. Harrison in the plea aforesaid, as follows, to wit — The Partes State of Maryland, Talbot County, to wit. John Wynn Harrison