of one Hundred pounds Specie on or before the 20th day of April 5786. with lawfull Interest, then the above Obligation to be void; or else to remain in full force & virtue. — Witness my hand and Seal the day and date abovementioned — Richd Graves (Seal)
Signed, Sealed and delivered in the presence of — Joseph Hopson Junr.
On the back of the (ap) Bond was the following endorsement, towit.
Sheriff assign unto Matthew Hickman pnr all my right, title & Interest to the within Bond (which was paid & assigned me by Robt Buchanan on the 20th day of April 5787) for value received of him — As witness my hand this 18th day of March 5790. Thos. Smith
And the said Richard Graves by his Attorney (ap) defended the force and injury when &c and prayed leave to imparle until the next term and he had it, the same day was given to the said Robert Buchanan then &c — At which said next Term, towit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety two, came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap); and thereupon on motion of the said Robert Buchanan by his Attorney (ap) the said Richard Graves was ruled to give Special bail in the plea (ap), whereupon the said Richard Graves by his Attorney (ap), the said filed in Court here a certain Bail piece the Tenor whereof ensues as follows, towit — "Now William Graves & Samuel Budd do jointly and severally acknowledge ourselves Special bail for the said Richard Graves at the suit of the said Robert Buchanan in an action of debt, brought by the said Robert Buchanan against the said Richard Graves in the General Court. April the 7. 1792. before Richd Hanson Sec Cur Appeals —
And the said Richard Graves by his Attorney (ap), defended the force and injury when &c and prayed leave to imparle until the next term and he had it the same day was given to the said Robert Buchanan then &c — At which said next term, towit, the second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety two, came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap). And the said Richard Graves by his Attorney (ap) defended the force & injury when &c & saith that the said Robert Buchanan his action (ap) thereof against him to have or maintain ought not, because he saith that he did well & truly pay to the said Robert Buchanan the said sum of pounds current money in the condition of the writing obligatory (ap) mentioned, according to the form and effect of the same Condition, towit, At the County (ap), and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Robert Buchanan his action (ap) thereof against him to have or maintain ought &c.
And the (ap) Robert Buchanan by his Attorney (ap) saith that he from having & maintaining his action (ap) against the said Richard Graves because he saith, that the said Richard Graves did not pay unto him the said Robert Buchanan the said sum of pounds current money in the Condition of the writing obligatory (ap) mentioned according to the form and effect of the same Condition in manner & form as the said Richard Graves above in pleading hath alleged, and this he prays may be enquired of by the Country, and the (ap) Richard Graves in like manner &c. and this cause standing ready for trial, further process (ap) and upon the premises between the parties (ap) by consent of the said parties and their Attornies (ap) by order of the Court here thereon was continued until the next term. At which said next term, towit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred, came again into Court the said Robert Buchanan by his Attorney (ap) and suggested to the Court here that the said Richard Graves departed

and that he died since the last continuance, towit, at the County (ap); thereupon further process (ap) of and upon the premises (ap) by order of the Court here was continued until the next term. At which said next term, towit, the second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred & ninety three, came again into Court the said Robert Buchanan by his Attorney (ap) whereupon on motion of the said Robert Buchanan by his Attorney (ap) a Summons was forthwith issued directed to the Sheriff of Kent County, Commanding him to summon William Graves & Executor of Richard Graves & Simon Wilmer & Delary his wife Executrix of the said Richard Graves that all excuses and delays set aside they should be and appear before the Judges of the then next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State, at Easton, the second Tuesday in April then next, and cause themselves to be made a party in this action, and that he should then & there have that writ. At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety four, being the return day of the (ap) writ, came again into Court the said Robert Buchanan by his Attorney (ap), and the said Sheriff made return of the same writ to the Court here thus endorsed towit. Samd. T. Rees Shff. And the said William Graves & Simon Wilmer & Delary his wife, in pursuance of such summons, came into Court by William Barroll their Attorney, and defended the force & injury when &c — thereupon further process of and upon the premises, between the parties (ap), by consent of the said parties and their Attornies (ap) and by order of the Court here thereon, was continued until the next term. At which said next term, towit, the second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred ninety four came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap): thereupon further process of & upon the premises (ap) between the said parties by consent of the said parties and their Attornies (ap), & by order of the Court here thereon, was continued until the next term. At which said next Term, towit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred & ninety five came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap) and thereupon on motion of the said Robert Buchanan by his Attorney (ap) it was ruled by the Court that the said William Graves & Simon Wilmer & wife should answer to the Declaration (ap) on or before the next term or Judgment would be rendered against them by default. The same day was given to the said Robert Buchanan then &c. At which said next Term, towit, the second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred & ninety five came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap) whereupon by consent of the said parties and their Attornies (ap) it was ordered by the Court that the matter in dispute between the said parties in this cause be referred to the arbitrament & final determination of Thomas B. Hands, and that Judgment thereon be rendered on his award when the same should be returned according to the Act of Assembly in such case made & provided. and thereupon further process of and upon the premises (ap) was continued until the next term. At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred & ninety six came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap), and the Arbitrator (ap) did not return his Award; thereupon further process of and upon the premises (ap), by order of the Court here, was further continued until the next Term. At which said next Term, towit the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety six came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap) and the Arbitrator (ap) did not return his Award. Thereupon further process of and upon the premises (ap), by order of the Court here, was further continued until the next term. At which said next term, towit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred & ninety seven came again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attornies (ap) And the Arbitrator (ap) did not therefore his Award. Thereupon further process of and upon the premises (ap) by order of the Court here, was further continued until the next Term — At which said