together with legal Interest on each respective sum from the first day of January last as the same shall annually become due then the above Obligation to be void else to be and remain of force and virtue in law — Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Arthur Bryan, Rich.d Skinner — William W. Barwick his mark (Seal)

And thereupon on motion of the said Edward Turner by his attorney (ap) it is ruled by the Court here that the said Defendants answer to the Declaration (ap) by the second Tuesday in September next or Judgment will be rendered against them by default, the same day was given to the said Edward Turner then &c. — And now here to wit, the second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety nine comes into the General Court here the said parties by their Attorneys (ap), and the said Defendants by their attorney (ap) defend the force and injury when &c, and pray an hearing of the writing obligatory (ap) and it is read to them in these words following to wit — Maryland ss. Know all men by these presents that I William Barwick of Talbot County am held & firmly bound unto Edward Turner of the said County, in the full and just sum of Eight hundred and forty pounds current money to be paid to the said Edward Turner his certain attorney his Executors administrators or assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators in and for the whole sum firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal & dated this sixteenth day of February Seventeen hundred and ninety — They also pray an hearing of the Condition of the same writing obligatory, and it is likewise read to them in these words following, to wit — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound William Barwick his Heirs Executors Administrators or any of them do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Edward Turner his certain attorney his Executors administrators or assigns the full and just sum of three hundred and fifteen pounds current money on or before the first day of January next, also the further sum of one hundred and five pounds current money to be paid on or before the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety eight, together with legal Interest on each respective sum, from the first day of January last as the same shall annually become due: Then the above Obligation to be void else to be and remain of force and virtue in law — Which being severally read and heard the same Defendants say that the same Turner his action (ap) thereof against them to have or maintain ought not because they say that after the execution of the same writing obligatory, and after the death of the same William Barwick deceased and before the impetration of the original writ in this cause to wit — on the first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight at the County (ap) they the said Defendants paid to the said Turner the said principal sum of four hundred and twenty pounds current money of Maryland in the said Condition mentioned together with all the Interest thereupon due and this the said Defendants are ready to verify, wherefore they pray Judgment

if the said Turner his action (ap) thereof against them to have or maintain ought &c. — And the Defendants also rely on a special plea founded on the act of Assembly of 1785. setting forth a complaint with the directions of that act, the quantum of assets and Debts and submitting to pay the Plaintiff his just proportion — nevertheless the said Defendants relinquishing the averments above by them pretended say, that they cannot deny the action (ap), and confess Judgment to the said Edward Turner upon the following agreement to wit: Judgment Sept. Term 1799 for Penalty & Costs. To be released on payment of principal & Interest and Costs. Payments of any to be allowed. Stay of Execution to the next Term — But it is agreed that this Judgment shall not render the Defends liable for a larger sum of money than shall appear to be the plaintiffs distributive share of the personal Estate of William Barwick the deceased on a final settlement thereof according to Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and the Costs of this suit. —

Robert Walters, assee
William H. Nicholson
vs.
John Stevens Exr Sam.l

Be it remembered that on the sixth day of September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, a Summons was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County, to take John Stevens late of Talbot County, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Samuel Stevens lately deceased 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 of September then Instant to answer unto Robert Walters assignee according to the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided of William H. Nicholson of a plea that he render unto him the sum of One thousand two hundred pounds current money which from him he unjustly detains &c. — And that he should then and there have that writ — At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, being the day for the return of the (ap) writ, comes into the General Court here, the said Robert Walters assignee as (ap), by Richard Earle his attorney; and the Sheriff of Talbot County (ap), to whom the same writ was directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit. Cepi John Thomas Shff. And the said John Stevens Executor as (ap) being called appears in Court here by Thomas S. Butler his attorney, and defends the force and injury when &c — and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in April next and he hath it the same day is given to the said Robert Walters then &c. — At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine comes again into the General Court here, the parties (ap) by their attorneys (ap), and the said Robert Walters assignee as (ap) by his attorney (ap) declares against the said John Stevens, Executor as (ap) in the plea (ap), as follows to wit — Eastern Shore of Maryland Talbot County viz.t John Stevens late of Talbot County Executor of the last Will and Testament of Samuel Stevens lately deceased, was summoned to answer unto Robert Walters assignee according to the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided of William Hopper Nicholson of a plea that he render unto him the sum of One thousand two hundred pounds current money which from him he unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the (ap)