Samuel Dickinson, as well the said sum of Four hundred and seventy seven pounds four shillings and four pence current money, his Debt &c. in form &c. confessed, as the quantity of seven hundred and twenty nine 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 expended; and the said Samuel Dickinson in mercy &c. — James Earle Clk

Memorandum. Judgment September 16th 1799 for Penalty &c. to be released on payment of principal Interest &c. & payments if any to be allowed Stay of Execution till the next Term —

Joseph Thornburg & Co. against Samuel Edmondson

Be it remembered that on the third day of September seventeen hundred and ninety eight Command was given, to the Sheriff of Talbot County to take Samuel Edmondson late of Talbot County, Merchant, 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 September then instant to answer unto Joseph Thornburg & Co. of a plea that he render unto them the sum of seven hundred and six pounds nine shillings and one penny current money which to them he owes and from them he unjustly detains &c. And that he should then and there have that writ &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight being the day for the return of the aforesaid writ, come into the General Court here the said Joseph Thornburg & Co. by Richard T. Earle their attorney, and the Sheriff of Talbot County to whom the same writ was directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit "Cepi John Thomas Jun. Shff." And the said Samuel Edmondson being called appears in Court here by John Goldsborough his Attorney and thereupon on motion of the said Joseph Thornburg & Co. by their attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Samuel Edmondson give special bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon a certain Philemon Willis of Talbot County comes here into Court in his proper person and undertakes for the said Samuel Edmondson that if an case the said Joseph Thornburg & Co. shall recover Judgment against the said Samuel Edmondson in the plea aforesaid or that the said Samuel Edmondson shall be therein legally convicted that then the said Samuel Edmondson shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereupon or render himself to the prison & custody of the Sheriff of Talbot County aforesaid in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Philemon Willis will do the same for him, and the said Samuel Edmondson by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in April next, or Judgment should be given to the said Joseph Thornburg & Co. then &c. — At which said second

Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine, comes again into the General Court here the said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Joseph Thornburg & Co. by their attorney aforesaid declare against the said Samuel Edmondson in the plea aforesaid as follows, to wit — Eastern Shore of Maryland Talbot County, to wit. Samuel Edmondson late of Talbot County, Merchant was summoned to answer unto Joseph Thornburg & Co. of a plea that he render unto them the sum of seven hundred and six pounds nine shillings and one penny current money which to them he owes and from them he unjustly detains &c. — And whereupon the aforesaid Joseph Thornburg & Co. by Richard T. Earle their attorney say that whereas the aforesaid Samuel Edmondson on the twenty eighth day of October in the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety six, at Talbot County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory, sealed with his seal and to the Court here shewn, the date of which is the same day and year acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Joseph Thornburg in the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and six pounds nine shillings and one penny current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Joseph Thornburg & Co. when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Samuel Edmondson the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and six pounds nine shillings and one penny (altho' often thereunto required) to the said Joseph Thornburg & Co. or any of them hath not paid or regard, but the same to them to render or pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to their damage one thousand pounds current money of Maryland and therefore they bring suit and profert. R. T. Earle for Plff. pleadings &c. John Dod & R. Roe —

Copy of writing obligatory follows, — Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Edmondson, of Easton, Talbot County & State of Maryland, Merchant, am held and firmly bound unto Joseph Thornburg & Co. of Baltimore Town and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of seven hundred and six pounds, nine shillings and one penny current money of the State aforesaid to be paid to the said Joseph Thornburg & Co. or to their certain Attorney, Exors Administrators or assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal dated the twenty eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six. The condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bounden Samuel Edmondson or 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 Thornburg & Co. or to their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns the full and just sum of three hundred and fifty three pounds four shillings six pence money aforesaid with lawful interest from this date on or before the first day of January next without any fraud or delay then this Obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue in law — Sealed and delivered, in the presence of — P. Denson — Samy Lowe — } Samuel Edmondson (Seal)

Indorsements of payments thereon follow — Baltimore 16th May 1797. Recd. of Samuel Edmondson two hundred and fifty Dollars on acct. of the within Bond. — J. Thornburg

£75.