Judgments.

The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting. We command you that you take Samuel Davis late of Kent County, Gentleman, otherwise called Samuel Davis of Kent County and State of Maryland but now of the City of Philadelphia if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April next, to answer unto Benjamin Ringgold assignee according to the form of the act of assembly in such case lately made and provided of James Stoops in a plea that he render unto him the sum of Sixteen hundred pounds lawful money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honorable R. Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court, the 12th day of Sept. Anno Domini 1797.

Issued the 8th day of December 1799. Ss. James Earlywine Clerk

And the said Benjamin Ringgold by his attorney aforesaid, on the day of issuing the aforesaid writ declared against the said Samuel Davis in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Kent County Sc. Samuel Davis late of Kent County, Gentleman, otherwise called Samuel Davis late of Kent County and State of Maryland, but now of the City of Philadelphia was summoned to answer unto Benjamin Ringgold assignee according to the form of the act of assembly in such case lately made and provided of James Stoops, in a plea that he render unto him the sum of Sixteen hundred pounds lawful money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Benjamin Ringgold by John Scott his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Samuel Davis, on the fifteenth day of August seventeen hundred and ninety six at Kent County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory had granted himself to be held and firmly bound unto the ap. James Stoops in the aforesaid sum of Sixteen hundred pounds current money to be paid to the said James Stoops when afterwards he should be thereunto required; and the said James Stoops afterwards to wit, on the twentieth day of February seventeen hundred and ninety seven having first made oath before John Maxwell then one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid that no part of the money mentioned in the above said writing obligatory or in the condition thereof had been paid or satisfied nor any Satisfaction therefor, by a writing upon the said writing obligatory made and with his proper hand subscribed and with the seal of him the said James Stoops sealed bearing date the day and year last aforesaid according to the form force and effect, of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided) the said writing obligatory and the ap. sum of Sixteen hundred pounds unto him the said Benjamin did at the County aforesaid assign whereof the ap. Samuel then & there had notice. By virtue whereof and also by force of the act of assembly aforesaid action hath accrued to him the said Benjamin to demand and have of him the said Samuel the aforesaid sum of Sixteen hundred pounds. Nevertheless the aforesaid Samuel altho' often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of money unto him the said Benjamin hath not rendered or paid but the same to him the said Benjamin to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of him the said Benjamin in the sum of one hundred pounds money aforesaid & therefore he brings Suit and so forth, and brings here into Court as well the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the Seal of him the said Samuel Davis as the oath and assignment aforesaid which

the Debt oath & assignment aforesaid in form as they certify and so forth — John Roe & Rich. Roe pledges &c

John Scott pro ptff.

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration mentioned is as follows to wit

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Davis late of Kent County and State of Maryland but now of the City of Philadelphia am held and firmly bound unto James Stoops of the County and State aforesaid in sixteen hundred pounds lawful money of Maryland, to be paid to the said James Stoops his certain attorney his 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 this fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety six. The condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Samuel Davis his heirs Executors Administrators or assigns the full sum of eight hundred pounds lawful money of Maryland without interest on or before the fifteenth day of August next ensuing the date hereof; then this Obligation to be void otherwise to be & remain in full force and virtue.

Witness Abraham Allemiew. Saml Davis (Seal)

On the aforegoing writing obligatory were the following Indorsements. to wit.

I do hereby assign set over & transfer to Benjamin Ringgold of Kent County all my right title, claim and interest in the within Bond and to the money therein mentioned for value received. As witness my Hand & Seal this twentieth day of February seventeen hundred & ninety seven. — James Stoops (Seal)

Kent County, State of Maryland Sc. James Stoops made oath before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for Kent County, that he has received no part of the sum of money mentioned in the within Obligation — Sworn to February the eighteenth 1797. before J. Maxwell

Copies of which said Declaration & Bond were made and sent with the Writ in the plea aforesaid At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight being the return day of the aforegoing Writ, comes into the General Court here the said Benjamin Ringgold by his attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to whom the said Writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. "Cepi Copy left 6th February 98 Watches on Pltff —

And the said Samuel Davis being called appears in Court here by Robert Wright his attorney, Whereupon on motion of the said Benjamin Ringgold by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said Samuel Davis give special Bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Samuel Davis by his attorney aforesaid files in Court here the following Bail piece, to wit

Benjamin Ringgold, assignee (according to the form of the act of assembly in such case made and provided) of James Stoops — plaintiff, against Samuel Davis — Defendant.

You Nathan N. Wright & Joseph Rain do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Samuel Davis at the suit of the said Benjamin Ringgold assignee (according to the form of the act of Assembly in such case made & provided) of James Stoops in an action of Debt, brought by the said Benjamin Ringgold assignee (according to the form of the act of Assembly in such case made & provided) of James Stoops against the said Samuel Davis in the General Court. They acknowledge themselves to be contained therewith this seventeenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight — Before John Comegys J. Maxwell

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court —

I do nominate & appoint Robert Wright my attorney to appear for me in the above