Benjamin in his lifetime, or to the said Samuel after the death of the said Benjamin to which
said Samuel administration of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights & credits which
were of the said Benjamin at the time of his death, was after the death of the said Benjamin
at the county aforesaid in due form of Law committed altho' often requested hath not paid but the
same to the said Benjamin in his lifetime or to the said Samuel since the death of the said
Benjamin to pay hath refused and to the said Samuel still doth refuse and unjustly detains
wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of Fifty pounds current money
as aforesaid and in delay of the execution of the administration aforesaid and therefore he brings
suit &c. the said Samuel brings here into Court as well the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with
the Seal of him the said James, and bearing date the day and year first aforesaid as the
letters of Administration which the Commission aft. in form aforesaid witnesseth &c.

John Scott for plff. pledges &c. I Doe & R Roe —

The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration mentioned follows to wit
Know all men by these presents that I James Stoops of Kent County, and State of Maryland
am held and firmly bound to Benjamin Ringgold of the county and State aforesaid in four hundred
and eighty six pounds seven shillings and fourpence lawful money of Maryland to be paid to the
said Benjamin Ringgold 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 & administrators
firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal dated this twentieth day of February in the year
one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. The condition of the above Obligation is such, that if
the above bound James Stoops his heirs executors or administrators do and shall well & truly pay
or cause to be paid unto the above named Benjamin Ringgold his heirs executors administrators or
assigns the just and full sum of two hundred and forty three pounds three shillings & eight pence
lawful money of Maryland on or before the twentieth day of February one thousand seven hundred
and ninety nine with lawful interest from the date hereof then this obligation to be void otherwise
to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law

Signed Sealed & delivered, In presence of Ruth Fitzhugh &c. James Stoops (Seal)

Copies of which said Declaration & Bond were made and put with the Writ with the plea aforesaid
At which said second Tuesday of April Seventeen hundred and ninety seven being the return day of
the aforegoing Writ, comes into the General Court here, the said Samuel Ringgold, administrator as aft.
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 Wm. Hatcherson Shff." And the said
James Stoops being called appears in Court here by Richard Barnes his attorney, and thereupon on
motion of the said Samuel Ringgold by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the
said James Stoops give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid whereupon the said James Stoops by
his said attorney files in Court here the following Bailpiece to wit —

Samuel Ringgold, admor of Benjamin Ringgold Plaintiff
against
James Stoops — Defendant

} You Jonas Stoops and George Sandey jun. do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said James Stoops at the suit of the said Samuel Ringgold administrator of Benjamin Ringgold in an action of Debt brought by the said

Samuel Ringgold administrator of Benjamin Ringgold, against the said James Stoops in the General Court
They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord
Seventeen hundred and ninety nine. Before John Comegys, John Ireland
To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.
I empower Richard Barnes to appear for me in the above suit. James Stoops.
And thereupon on motion of the said Samuel Ringgold administrator as aforesaid it is ruled by the Court
here, that the said James Stoops answer to the Declaration aforesaid by the second Tuesday of September
next, or Judgment by the Court here, will be rendered against him in default thereof; the same day is
given to the said Samuel Ringgold also. At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred
and ninety nine, comes again into the General Court here the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid
and the said James Stoops by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave
to imparle until the second Tuesday of April next and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid
aforesaid and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Samuel Ringgold also —
And now here at this day to wit, the second Tuesday of April eighteen hundred comes again into
the General Court here the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the said James Stoops by his
attorney aft. defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that he cannot deny the action aforesaid
of his aforesaid against him brought nor that he unjustly detains from the said Samuel Ringgold, administrator
as aforesaid the aforesaid sum of four hundred and eighty six pounds seven shillings & fourpence
lawful money in manner and form as the said Samuel Ringgold above against him hath complained
Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Samuel Ringgold administrator as aft.
recover against the said James Stoops, as well the said sum of four hundred and eighty six pounds
seven shillings & fourpence current money his Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged as the
quantity of Six hundred and fifteen 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 laid out & expended & the said James Stoops in mercy &c. Ja. Earlepitom Clk.
Memorandum. Judgment was rendered in this action on the 11th April 1800 for Penalty & Costs to be released
on payment of principal Interest & Costs Payments if any to be allowed. Stay of execution till Sept. T. 1800.

Samuel Ringgold, admor of Benjamin Ringgold
against
James Stoops

} Be it Remembered that Benjamin Ringgold by John Scott his attorney prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here, the Writ of the State of Maryland of fieri facias ad respondendum, directed to the Sheriff of Kent County in the following words and figures to wit. The State of Maryland SS. To the Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting
Greeting. We command you that you take James Stoops late of Kent County otherwise called James
Stoops of Kent County State of Maryland Farmer if he shall be found in your Bailiwick & 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 in a plea
that he render unto him the sum of Four hundred and eighty six pounds seven shillings & fourpence
current money of the State aforesaid which to him he owes, and unjustly detains &c. & so forth —
Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable Robert
Goldsborough Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the eleventh day of Sept. anno Domini 1797
Issued the 8th day of March 1798. Ja. James Earlepitom Clk.