attorneys (ap), and the said William Salmond by his attorney (ap) declares against the said James Black in the plea aforesaid as follows towit: Kent County Eastern Shore of Maryland. James Black late of Kent County Executor of the Testament of George Black deceased was summoned to answer unto Samuel Ringgold Administrator of Benjamin Ringgold & assignee according to the Act of Assembly &c. of James Hoops of a plea that he render unto them the sum of sixteen thousand pounds current money of Maryland, which to him he owes & from him he unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Samuel Ringgold by John Scott his attorney saith that whereas the (ap) George Black, in his lifetime towit, on the sixteenth day of November seventeen hundredth and ninety three at the county (ap) by his writing obligatory had granted himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said James Hoops in the (ap) sum of sixteen hundred pounds current money to be paid to him the said James Hoops when afterwards he should be thereunto required. and the same James afterwards, towit, on the twentieth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven, in the lifetime of him the said George in the County (ap) the said sum of sixteen hundred pounds (no any part thereof being paid or satisfied) by a writing upon the said writing obligatory made with his proper hand subscribed & with the Seal of him the said James sealed bearing date the day and year last aforesaid according to the force form and effect of the act of Assembly (ap) the said writing obligatory and the (ap) sum of money therein mentioned unto the said Benjamin Ringgold did assign whereof the (ap) George in his lifetime then and there had notice by virtue whereof and also by force of the Act of Assembly in such case lately made and provided action did accrue unto him the said Benjamin in his lifetime to demand of him the said George in his lifetime the (ap) sum of money. Nevertheless neither the (ap) George in his lifetime nor the (ap) James since the death of him the said George although thereunto required the (ap) sum of money to him the said Benjamin in his lifetime or to the said Samuel since the death of him the said Benjamin have not nor hath either of them rendered or paid, but the same to him the said Benjamin in his lifetime or to the said Samuel since the death of the said Benjamin to render or pay they have altogether refused and the said James still doth refuse and unjustly detains to the damage of the said Samuel five hundred pounds current money (ap) & therefore he brings suit and supports and brings here into Court as well the writing obligatory (ap) sealed with the Seal of the (ap) George whose date is the day and year (ap) & the assignment (ap) which the debt (ap) in form (ap) witnesseth as the Letters of administration (ap) which the Commission (ap) in form (ap) witnesseth and so forth. John Scott for plff pledges &c. John Doe Rich. Roe

Know all men by these presents that we George Black & William Cleaves of Kent County & State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto James Hoops of said County & State (ap) in the full and just sum of sixteen hundred pounds lawful money of the State (ap) to be paid to the said James Hoops his certain attorney, executors administrators or assigns. to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each of our heirs executors & administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals dated this sixth day of November 1793.

The condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bound George Black his heirs executors administrators or assigns doth well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named James Hoops his certain attorney Exors Admors or assigns the just sum of eight hundred pounds, current money (ap) on or before the first day of May seventeen hundred and ninety seven, with legal interest thereon from the date hereof then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force virtue &c.

Signed, Sealed & delivered, in the presence of Nicholas Meggs — George Black (Seal) Wm. Cleaves (Seal)

On the aforegoing Bond are the following endorsements.

I do hereby assign &c 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 Rec'd. Witness my Hand & Seal this 20th day of February Seventeen hundred and ninety seven — James Hoops (Seal)

Kent County State of Maryland ss. James Hoops made oath before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace of Kent County that he has received no part of the sum of money mentioned in the within obligation sworn to February the 18th 1797. before D. Maxwell.

Rec'd 16th November 1797. of Doct. James Black four hundred Dollars to act Sheriff on Bond — Benj. Ringgold

£150 1798. Sept. Rec'd £157.0.0 J. Scott. And thereupon on motion of the said Samuel Ringgold by his attorney (ap) it is ruled by the Court here, that the said James Black answer to the Declaration aforesaid by the second Tuesday of April 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. And now here towit the second Tuesday of April eighteen hundred comes again into the General Court here the parties (ap) by their attorneys (ap), and the said James Black Executor as (ap) by his attorney (ap) defends the force and injury when &c & saith that he cannot deny the action (ap), nor that he owes to the said Samuel Ringgold the (ap) sum of sixteen hundred pounds current 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 recover against the said James Black Executor as (ap) as well the sum of sixteen hundred pounds current money his debt (ap), in form (ap) confessed, as the quantity of six hundred and twenty five pounds of Tobacco, as well his damages which he hath sustained by reason of the detention of the said Debt, as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended; to be levied of the goods and chattels which were of the said George Black at the time of his death, in the hands of the said James Black Executor as (ap) remaining to be administered, if so much of the said Goods & Chattels in his hands to be administered he hath and if so much thereof he hath not, then the costs and charges (ap) to be levied of the proper goods & chattels of the said James Black &c. James Earle Jun.

Memorandum. Judgment was rendered in this action on the 14th April 1800. for Penalty & Costs. To be released on payment of principal Interest & Costs. Payments if any to be allowed. Stay till September Term 1800.

Thomas Anderson & Robert Anderson against **John Nicholson**

Be it Remembered, that the Plaintiffs by James Houston their attorney prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the following Writ of Capias ad respondendum, towit:

The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting: We (Seal) Command you that you take John Nicholson late of Kent County 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 Thomas Anderson & Robert Anderson in a plea that he render unto them the sum of six hundred and eight pounds seven shillings and eight pence current money, which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains &c. Hence