the said writ to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit:

In the General Court for the Western Shore of the State of Maryland, Baltimore County, to wit, Ann Mathews widow and Executrix of Thomas Mathews late of Baltimore County deceased was summoned to answer unto Nicholas and Bale Owings of a plea that she render unto them the sum of Two hundred pounds Current Money which she unjustly detains and so forth, and whereupon the said Nicholas and Bale by William Owings their attorney say that whereas he the said Thomas Mathews deceased in his life time, to wit, on the twenty Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety at the County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory, sealed with his seal and now shown to this Court, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, promised to pay to the said Nicholas and Bale Owings by the name of Nicholas and Bale Owings Trustees for the Creditors of Thomas and E Mawle the sum of One hundred pounds Current Money on or before the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety one and and six months after the further sum of one hundred pounds which when paid would be in full of all accounts against him the said Thomas on account of the said Mawles, And the said Nicholas and Bale Owings do aver that the said Thomas Mathews in his life time nor the said Ann Mathews the Widow and Executrix of the said Thomas since the decease of the said Thomas hath not paid to them or to either of them the said sum of two hundred pounds according to the form and effect of the said writing Obligatory whereby an action accrues to the said Nicholas and Bale to demand and have from the said Ann Executrix as aforesaid the said sum of Two hundred pounds Current Money, yet the said Thomas in his life time and the said Ann the Executrix since the death of the said Thomas altho' often times requested the said sum of two hundred pounds Current Money or any part thereof to the said Nicholas and Bale or either of them have not paid, but the said sum of Two hundred pounds aforesaid the said Ann still doth refuse to pay to the damage of the said Nicholas and Bale five hundred pounds Current Money aforesaid, and therefore they bring Suit and so forth.

William Owings atty for the Plffs. Pledges to prosecute { John Doe, Richard Roe

Copy of the Writing Obligatory aforesaid,

I promise to pay to Nicholas and Bale Owings Trustees for the Creditors of Tho & E Mawle the sum of One hundred pounds Current Money on or before the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety one and six months after the further sum of one hundred pounds which when paid will be in full of all acct. against me on acc^t the said Mawles Witness my hands and seal this 28th day of June 1790.

Thomas Mathews (Seal)

Robt Bailey.

At which mentioned second Tuesday in October being the ninth day of the same Month in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety two and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the General Court here the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale by their attornies aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Baltimore County to wit Robert Gorsuch Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was in

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form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus indorsed, to wit,

Cepi Copy served 17th August. Robert Gorsuch Shff.

And the said Ann Mathews Executrix of Thomas Mathews aforesaid by her Attornies Daniel McMechen and Luther Martin, comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next, and she hath it, the same day is given to the said Nicholas and Bale Owings also.

At which said second Tuesday in May being the fourteenth day of the same month in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale Owings by their Attornies aforesaid, as the aforesaid Ann Mathews Executrix aforesaid by her Attornies aforesaid; and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale Owings by their Attornies aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said Ann Mathews Executrix aforesaid answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against her in default thereof, And the said Ann Executrix aforesaid by her Attornies aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next and then to answer unto the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale in the plea aforesaid, and to her it is granted the same day is given to the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale also.

And now at this day to wit the said second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same Month, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, to which said day the said Ann Executrix aforesaid had leave to imparle and then to answer unto the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale in the plea aforesaid, comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale by their Attornies aforesaid, as the said Ann Executrix aforesaid by her Attornies aforesaid; And the said Ann Executrix aforesaid by her Attornies aforesaid as before defends the force and injury, and saith that the aforesaid Nicholas and Bale their action aforesaid against her to have or maintain ought not and so forth because according to the form of the statute in such case lately made and provided the said Ann says that the said Thomas Mathews in the Obligatory above mentioned in his life time, before the issuing the original Writ of them the said Nicholas and Bale in this Cause paid to the said Nicholas and Beal the said sum of two hundred pounds in the aforesaid Writing Obligatory mentioned with all Interest therefore due unto such payment to wit on the first day of June seventeen hundred and ninety one at the County aforesaid, and this the said Ann is ready to verify; Wherefore she prays Judgment if the said Nicholas and Beal their aforesaid Action thereupon against her to have or maintain ought and so forth; And the said Ann By leave of the Court here according to the form of the Statute in such case provided further comes and defends the force and injury when

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