Houston the first day of April one thousand seven hundred and twenty three at somerset county within the Juris. of this court by his certain writing obligatory granted himself to be ~~holden~~ and firmly bound unto the same William Holland in the aforesd full and Just sum of one hundred pounds of Good and Lawfull money of the aforesd county to be paid the same Wm by or upon the first day of April In the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty yet the aforesd Robert altho often thereto Required the aforesd sum of one hundred pounds of good and Lawfull money of the aforesd County to the same Wm hath not Rendered but the said Robert the same hitherto to the same Wm Holland to Rendr hath altogether Denyed and still doth Deny whereby the same Wm says he is worse and hath Damage to the value of one hundred pounds current money and therefore he brings his Suit and the said William brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesd with the Deb: aforesd in forme aforesd Witnesseth Mr. Levin Gale & Dan: Bradley Jurors. Doe allege

And the aforesd Robert Houston by Francis Allen his attorney Cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when &c. and prayes Leave thereof to Imparle here unto the next Court and he hath it and the same day is Given to the aforesd William Hord also &c. — All which said next Court to wit the Eighteenth day of August anno Domi One thousand Seven hundred and thirty Came again as well the aforesd William as the aforesd Robert by their attorneys aforesd and whereupon the said Robert prays further Leave thereof to Imparle here unto the next Court and he hath it and the same day is Given ~~to the aforesd~~ to the aforesd William Hord also &c. —

Att which said next Court to wit the Seventeenth day of November anno Domi One thousand Seven hundred and thirty Came again as well the aforesd William ~~Holland~~ as the aforesd Robert by their attorneys aforesd and whereupon the said Robert prays further Leave thereof to Imparle here, unto the next Court and he hath it and the same day is Given to the aforesd William Hord also &c. —

Att which said next Court to wit the Sixteenth day of March anno Domi One thousand Seven hundred and thirty Came again as well the aforesd William as the aforesd Robert by their attorneys aforesd and whereupon the said Robert prays further Leave thereof to Imparle here unto the next Court and he hath it and the same day is Given to the aforesd William Hord also &c. —

Att which said next Court to wit the fifteenth day of June anno Domi One thousand Seven hundred and thirty One Came again as well the aforesd William as the aforesd Robert by their attorneys aforesaid and whereupon the said Robert as before defends the force and Injury when &c. and Saith that he of the debt aforesaid by virtue of the writing aforesaid ought not to be charged because he Saith that the writing aforesaid is not his deed and of this he puts himself upon the Country, and the aforesd pltff in like manner. —

Thereupon Command is Given to the Shff. of Somerset County that Immediately he Cause to here twelve &c. by whom &c. who neither &c. to Recognize &c. because as well &c. of which said precept the said Shff. to wit John Burnall Gent. Now here at this day to wit the same day and Year Last mentioned Comes and makes Return that he hath here ready twelve &c. as by his said precept he was Commanded and now hereafterwards to wit the same day and Year Came as well the aforesd William as the aforesd Robert by their attorneys aforesd and the Jurors of the Jury therein Impannelled being called Likewise Came to wit Thomas Humphreys, John Scarbrough Lewis Rigsby Christopher Hutter, Ambrose Willett, Charles Townsend, John Bevins, John Outten John Hurl Fuller, Robert Watson, William McLester and James Caldwell, who being duely Elected tryed and Sworn to Say the truth in the premisses upon their Oath do Say that the writing Obligatory aforesd is the deed of him the same Robert as the aforesd Wm. above against him hath declared &c. —

Therefore it is Considered that the aforesaid William Holland Recover against the aforesaid Robert Houston his debt aforesaid, and his damages by Occasion of the detaining of the same debt to One thousand and