November Term 1796 –

Action brought by John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors of Robert Dick against a certain Henry Hardy for the sum of thirteen hundred and two pounds – eight shillings and ten pence Current Money and costs to be released on the payment of six hundred and fifty one pounds four shillings and five pence Current Money with Interest thereon from the thirtieth day of April seventeen hundred and eighty nine 'til paid and costs, at a General Court held before you our said Judges at the City of Annapolis at May Term last, Manifest error as it is said has happened to the great damage of the said Henry Hardy as of his complaint we have received and we being willing that the Error if any there be should be duly corrected and full and speedy justice done to the said Henry Hardy in this Behalf command you that if Judgment be thereof rendered that then the Record and process aforesaid with all things thereunto relating under your Seals distinctly and openly you send and this writ so that the same may be had before the Judges of our High Court of Appeals at Annapolis the second Tuesday in November next, that the Record and process aforesaid being inspected into we may further do therein for the correcting of that Error which of right and according to the Laws and customs of this State may be done Witness the Honorable Alexander Contee Hanson Chancellor this twenty seventh day of July Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Ninety five

Great Seal in was affixed

Samuel Harvey Howard Reg. Cur. Can.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of November being the tenth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety five and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ the Honorable the Judges of the General Court to whom the said writ of Error was made and directed in pursuance thereof and according to the form and effect of the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided make return to the Judges of our Court here of the same writ with the following Record to wit – .. –

The State of Maryland to wit –

At a General Court for the Western Shore of the said State begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the second – Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety five; And in the Nineteenth year of the Independence of the said State – .. –

Present

The Honorable | Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge; Robert Goldsborough and Jeremiah Townley Chase | Esquires Puisne Judges

Richard Harwood Esquire Sheriff – John Gwinn Clerk –

In the Record of proceedings of the same Court

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among others is the following to wit – Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the twenty fourth day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Ninety four the Plaintiffs by William Cooke their Attorney sued out of the

WC. John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors of Robert Dick – against WH. Henry Hardy – .. –

General Court the State of Maryland's Writ of Capias ad Respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Prince George's County in the words and figures following to wit – The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Prince Georges County Greeting, We command you that you take Henry Hardy late of Prince Georges County Planter otherwise called Henry Hardy of Prince Georges County and State of Maryland 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 the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next to answer unto John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors of the Testament and last will of Robert Dick lately deceased of a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of One thousand three hundred and two pounds eight shillings and ten pence Current Money which from them he unjustly detains and soforth, Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ, Witness the Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of November Anno Domini 1793 –

Issued the 24th day of February 1794 – (W Cooke) John Gwinn Clk –

And the aforesaid John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid declare against the aforesaid Henry Hardy in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit – State of Maryland, Prince Georges County Sc. Henry Hardy late of Prince Georges County planter otherwise called Henry Hardy of Prince Georges County and State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto John Laird and Thomas Dick Executors of the Testament and last will of Robert Dick lately deceased, that he render unto them the full and just sum of One thousand three hundred and two pounds eight shillings and ten pence Current Money which from them he unjustly detains – and soforth, And whereupon the said John Laird and Thomas Dick by William Cooke their Attorney say, that whereas the aforesaid Henry Hardy on the thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine at Prince Georges County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid Robert Dick in his life time in the afore-said sum of One thousand three hundred and two pounds eight shillings and ten pence Current Money to be paid to him the said