certain Athanasius Ford late of Saint Mary's County Gentleman is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the Suit of a certain Archibald Campbell of a Plea of Debt which said Plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined and We being willing for divers Causes that the Plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid shall be heard and determined before the Justices of our provincial Court. Therefore command you that you have the Body of the said Athanasius Ford by whatsoever Name he may be called in the Plea aforesaid together with the Day and Cause of his Caption and Detainer and all Things thereunto relating before our Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of April next that our said Justices may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains &c.

Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer Esquire one of the Justices of our provincial Court the thirteenth Day of September in the fourth Year of our Dominion &c. Annoque Domini 1774

Issued the fifteenth Day of September 1774. R Ghiselin clk

Allowed pr. Philip Thomas Lee (J. Rogers)

At which said second Tuesday of April to wit Day of the same Month Anno Domini 1775 being the Day of the return of the aforegoing Writ the Justices and Sheriff of Saint Mary's County in Compliance with the same Writ make return thereof to the Court here with the following record thereto annexed to wit

Maryland.

Saint Mary's County ss.

At a Court of the right honorable Henry Harford Esquire Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the province aforesaid. Held at Leonard Town in and for the County aforesaid on the first Tuesday & first Day of March in the third Year of our Dominion & so forth. And in the Year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred & seventy four ++++++++++

Before the Worshipfull.

Jeremiah Jordan	Richard Barnes	John Briscoe jun^r
John Black	Henry Reeder	Bennit Briscoe
John Reeder Junr	John De Butts	Henry Ly Sothoron

Gentlemen,

Justices of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid (thereunto)

thereunto duly authorized & assigned.

Hugh Hopewell Esqr Sheriff
Daniel Wolstenholme clk

Among other were the following proceedings (to wit)

Archibald Campbell
al
Athanasius Ford

Saint Mary's County (to wit)

Athanasius Ford late of Saint Mary's County Gentleman; otherwise called Athanasius Ford of Saint Mary's County and Province of Maryland Merchant, was summoned to answer unto Archibald Campbell of a Plea that he render unto him the Sum of three hundred & thirty one pounds two Shillings Sterling money of Great Britain which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c so forth.

And Whereupon the said Archibald by John Allen Thomas his Attorney says that whereas the aforesaid Athanasius on the fourth Day of February in the year seventeen hundred and sixty nine - At Saint Mary's County aforesaid, by his certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held & firmly bound unto him the said Archibald in the aforesaid Sum of three hundred and thirty one Pounds two Shillings sterling money of Great Britain; to be paid to him the said Archibald when afterwards he should be thereto required.

Nevertheless the aforesaid Athanasius altho' often thereunto required (the aforesaid Sum of three hundred & thirty one pounds, two shillings sterling money of Great Britain, hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him; hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused & still doth refuse, wherefore he says he is the worse; And hath damage to the value of fifty pounds sterling Money of Great Britain aforesaid & therefore he brings suit &c so forth

And brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Athanasius which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth, the Date whereof is the day & Year aforesaid and so forth.

John Allen Thomas, for the Plaintiff pledges &c so forth John Doe and Richard Roe

And now here (to wit, on the first Tuesday and first Day of March seventeen hundred & seventy four cometh the said Archibald Campbell by John Allen Thomas his Attorney aforesaid - And the said Athanasius Ford being present here in Court, in his proper person - At the prayer of the said Archibald by his Attorney aforesaid Nicholas Mills of Saint Mary's County planter being also present here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Athanasius Ford that in Case the said Archibald Campbell

shall