April Term 1789.

The State of Maryland, Talbot County, towit;

At a General Court held for the Eastern Shore of the State afd, at Easton, in Talbot County, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of April Anno Domini seventeen hundred & eighty nine, before the said State's Judges duly authorized and assigned to preside in the same Court of whom were present:

The Hontble: { Robert Hanson Harrison & Robert Goldsborough junior } Esquires

John Roberts Esqr. Shff: James Earle Clk:

State of Maryland & John Hartshorn & Joshua Hartshorn } Be it remembered, that on the Eleventh day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty ~~seven~~; "Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take John Hartshorn and Joshua Hartshorn, late of Cecil County, otherwise called John Hartshorn and Joshua Hartshorn if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them safe keep, so that he might have their Bodies before the Judges of the next General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Talbot County Court house, the second Tuesday in April next, to answer unto the State of Maryland, of a plea that they render to the said State, the sum of two hundred and sixty six pounds, six shillings and eight pence current money, which from the said State they unjustly detain &c. and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and that he should then and there have that writ &c." —

At which day towit; The said second Tuesday in April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty ~~seven~~ nine being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, came here into Court Luther Martin Attorney General for the said State, and Archd. Job, Shff of the County of Cecil afd, to whom the same writ was directed likewise came and made return "that he had taken the body of the said John Hartshorn, and the same had ready, according to the Exigence of the said writ; But "that the said Joshua Hartshorn was not to be found in his Bailiwick".

Whereupon the Sheriff of Cecil County afd, being solemnly called upon, to bring into Court, the Body of the said John Hartshorn according to the return of the writ afd, did not bring in the same; but therein made Default: Wherefore it was ruled by the Court here, that the said Sheriff should be amerced