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Maryland, to wit:

At a General Court of the State of Maryland, held for the Eastern Shore of the said State, at Easton, in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety, before the Judges of the said Court duly commissioned and assigned to hold the same, of whom were present,

The Honorable { Robert Goldsborough and Jeremiah Townley Chase } Esquires Judges

John Roberts Esquire Sheriff of Talbot County. James Earle Clk.

Were the following Proceedings, to wit:

Leonard Dorsey
vs
Richard Graves & Levinus Clarkson.

Memorandum, the Defendants in this Cause by William Tilghman their Attorney sued out the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus, the tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit, The State of Maryland, &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Richard Graves and Levinus Clarkson are detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you, our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Leonard Dorsey of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth; 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, should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court: therefore we command you that you have the bodies of the said Richard Graves and Levinus Clarkson by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of their caption and detention, and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, in Talbot County, at the Court house in the same County, the second Tuesday of April next, that our said Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honorable Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, this first day of October Anno Domini 1788. Issued the 13th day of March Anno Domini 1788.

Mr. Tilghman, James Earle Clk.

At which said day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April, seventeen hundred and eighty nine, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, the Justices and Clerk of Kent County in compliance with the Writ aforesaid, made return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed, to wit: