September Term 1790.

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, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety, before the Judges of the same Court, duly commissioned and assigned to hold the same, of whom were present,

The Honorable { Thomas Johnson, Esquire — Chief Judge; Robert Goldsborough, and Jeremiah Townley Chase — Esquires Judges. }

John Roberts, Esq.r Shff of Talbot County — James Earle Clk.

Were the following Proceedings, to wit:

Robert Walmsley use of William Meilson
vs
William Ward Exor of John Stoops

Memorandum, the Defendant in this cause by William Tilghman his Attorney, sued out the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus, the tenor whereof ensues in the words and figures following to wit. The State of Maryland, &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County, greeting: Whereas a certain John Stoops is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Robert Walmsley, of a plea of Debt of five hundred pounds current money, which said plea as it is said, still depends before you, our said Justices, undetermined; and he 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 body of the said John Stoops by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of his 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 do 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 1786.

Issued the 23.rd day of October Anno Domini 1786.

Sk. James Earle Clk.