State of Maryland, towit:

At a general Court for the Eastern Shore of the said State, begun and held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April, being the tenth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight — Were Present —

The Worthy { Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge
Jeremiah T. Chase and Gabriel Duvall } Esquires Judges

Daniel P. Cooper Sheriff — James Earle Junr. Clerk —

Among others were the following proceedings, towit. —

Andrew Buchanan against Peter Chaille } Be it remembered that on the eighteenth day of September in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five, Command was given to the Sheriff of Worcester County, that he should take Peter Chaille late of Worcester County Farmer, if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him in his Custody should safe keep so that he should have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April next following to answer unto Andrew Buchanan of Baltimore Town, Merchant, in a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of eight hundred and fifty pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence Current money of Maryland which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and so forth. — And that he the said Sheriff should not fail thereof at his peril, and should have then and there that Writ. — At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight, came into Court here the said Andrew Buchanan by William Pinkney his Attorney and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to whom the said Writ was directed, likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, towit. — Copi, so answers, Levin Pollitt Sheriff — And the said Peter Chaille being called, appeared in Court here by Benjamin Dashiell his Attorney, Thereupon at the prayer of the said Andrew Buchanan by his Attorney aforesaid the said Peter Chaile is adjudged to give special bail to the Action aforesaid — Whereupon a certain Ebenezer Handy of Somerset County, came here into Court in his proper person and became plege and mainpernor for the said Peter Chaille, that if it should happen that judgment by the Court here for the aforesaid Andrew Buchanan in the plea aforesaid against the said Peter Chaille should be rendered, then the same Ebenezer Handy grants that as well the Debt aforesaid as all such Damages, Costs and Charges which unto the said Andrew Buchanan in this part should by the Court be adjudged of his Lands and Chattels should be made, and to the use of the said Andrew Buchanan levied, if it should happen that the said Peter Chaille the said Debt, Damages, Costs and Charges aforesaid should not pay, or his Body in Execution of such Judgment to the public prison of Talbot County by that occasion should not render. — And the said Peter Chaille by his Attorney aforesaid prays leave to imparle here until next Court, and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Andrew Buchanan also. — At which said next Court, towit, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, came unto Court here again, the said Andrew Buchanan in his proper person as the said Peter Chaille by his Attorney aforesaid, and the said Peter Chaille by his Attorney aforesaid prayed that the said Andrew Buchanan might be ruled to employ new Counsel in this cause; and also prayed that the said Andrew Buchanan might be ruled to Declare against the said Peter Chaille in the plea aforesaid on or before the second Tuesday of April the next following and it was granted unto him, the same day was given to the said Andrew Buchanan there pro. — At which said second Tuesday in April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven came into Court here as well the said Andrew Buchanan by Philip B. Key his attorney as the said Peter Chaille by his Attorney aforesaid; and the said Peter Chaille by his Attorney aforesaid prayed that the Andrew Buchanan might be further ruled to declare against the said Peter Chaille in the plea aforesaid on or before the second Tuesday of September then next following and it was granted unto him, the same day