The State of Maryland, to wit. At a General Court held for the Eastern Shore of the State aforesaid, at Easton, in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of September (being the eleventh day of the same Month) in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven before the said State's Judges, duly authorized and assigned to preside in the same, of whom were present

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

John Thomas Esquire, Sheriff — James Earle junr. Clerk —

Among others, are the following Proceedings, to wit. —

Thomas Anderson & Robert Anderson against John Cain } Be it remembered that on the twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven Command was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County, to take John Cain late of Queen Anns County if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at Easton in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of September then next, to answer unto Thomas and Robert Anderson, of a plea that he render unto them the sum of one hundred and eighty two pounds, ten shillings & two pence, which to them he owes, and from them unjustly detains and so forth — And that thereof the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and should have then and there this Writ &c — At which said second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven (being the day for the return of the aforegoing writ) came into Court the said Thomas and Robert Anderson by James Houston Esquire their Attorney, and the Sheriff of Queen Anns County, to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed, likewise came, and made return thereof to our said Court thus endorsed, to wit — "Copi Phil. C. Blake Shff."

And the said John Cain being called appeared in Court by Robert Wright Esquire his Attorney. And thereupon, on motion of the said Thomas and Robert Anderson by their Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said John Cain give special bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon a certain James Butcher of Queen Anns County came into Court in his own proper person and with the consent of the said Thomas and Robert Anderson by their Attorney aforesaid, became pledge and bail for the said John Cain, that if it should happen that the said John Cain should be convicted at the suit of the said Thomas and Robert Anderson in the plea aforesaid, then the said James Butcher consented that as well the Debt aforesaid, as all such Damages, Costs and Charges as should be adjudged unto the said Thomas and Robert Anderson in this behalf, should be made of his body, Lands, and Chattels, and levied to the use of the said Thomas, and Robert Anderson, if it should happen that the said John Cain should not pay the said Debt, Damages, Costs and Charges, or render himself to the prison and Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, on this occasion render — And the said John Cain by his Attorney aforesaid defended the force and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the