Eastern Shore of Maryland, Talbot County, to wit; At a General Court, held for the Eastern Shore of the said State, at Easton, in Talbot County, on Tuesday the ninth day of April, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine, before the same State's Judges duly authorized and assigned to preside in the same Court, of whom were present—

The Honorable { Jeremiah T. Chase Esquire Chief Judge
Gabriel Duvall & John Done — } Esquires, Judges.

John Thomas Esquire, Sheriff — James Edle Junior Clerk—

Among others were the following Proceedings, to wit —

James Olden and Cornelius Comegys against John Makin and John Savin — } Be it remembered that on the thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, Command was given to the sheriff of Cecil County to take John Makin and John Savin late of Cecil County planters if they should be found in his bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the Judges of our General Court to be held at Easton in Talbot County on the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto James Olden and Cornelius Comegys of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth. And that thereof he the said sheriff should not fail at his peril and should have then and there this Writ. At which mentioned second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ came into the General Court the said James Olden and Cornelius Comegys by William Bordley and James Scott Esquires their Attorneys and the Sheriff of Cecil County aforesaid to Wit, Peregrine Bruce gentleman to whom the said aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court thus endorsed, to Wit, "Capi Corpora, Peregrine Bruce Shff." — And the said John Makin and John Savin being called, appeared in Court by Hugh Mathews their Attorney, And defended the force and injury, when, &c. and prayed leave of the Court hereto imparle until the second Tuesday of September then next; and they had it; the same day was given to the said James Olden and Cornelius Comegys then &c, — At which said second Tuesday of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety six came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid; And the said John Makin and John Savin by their Attorney aforesaid further defended the force and injury, When, &c. and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the second Tuesday of April then next; and they had it; the same day was given to the said James Olden and Cornelius Comegys then &c, — At which said second Tuesday of April one thousand seven hundred and ninty seven came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid; And the said James Olden and Cornelius Comegys by their Attorneys aforesaid Declared against the said John Makin and John Savin in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to Wit, — Easton shore of Maryland Cecil County to Wit, John Makin and John Savin late of Cecil County planters were attached to answer unto James Olden and Cornelius Comegys of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth. —

And whereupon the said James Olden and Cornelius Comegys by James Scott their Attorney complain that whereas the said John Savin and John Makin on the twelfth day of June