Maryland Sc. At a General Court, of the State of Maryland, one of the United States of America, begun and held for the Eastern Shore of the said State, at Easton, in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred, and in the twenty fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

Were Present.

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

John Thomas Esquire Sheff of Talbot County — James Earle junior Clk

Among others were the following Proceedings towit.

John Savin & John Makin, use of Owen Crow. against Benjamin Benson jr.

Be it Remembered that Benjamin Benson junior, by William Barrow his attorney prosecuted sued forth out of the General Court here, a Writ of Habeas Corpus directed to the Chief Justice and his associates Justices of Cecil County Court and to the Sheriff of Cecil County in the following words and figures towit. The State of Maryland: To the Chief Justice and his associates Justices of Cecil County Court, and to the Sheriff of Cecil County, Greeting: Whereas a certain Benjamin (Seal) Benson junior, is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the Suit of a certain John Makin & John Savin of a plea of debt &c, 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 & determined before the Judges of our General Court; We therefore Command you that you have the body of the said Benjamin Benson jun. by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the cause of his Caption and Detention & all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Easton, in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April next, that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains &c forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then & there this Writ. Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of September 1797. Issued the 1st day of February 1798. (Wm B) James Earle junior Clk

At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight, being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ, the Justices and Sheriff aforesaid in obedience to the Command of the said Writ, towit, the said Sheriff now hath here the body of the said Benjamin Benson junior, and the Justices aforesaid certify and transmit to this Court here, the following Record of proceedings towit.

Maryland, Cecil County towit. At a County Court of the County and State aforesaid begun and held at the Court house in Elkton, in and for said County on the first monday in March being the fifth day of the same month, anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight. — Present —

The Honorable { James Tilghman Esquire Chief Justice; Tobias Rudolph & Stephen Hyland — Esquires associate Justices }

Abner White Esquire Sheriff. — Joseph Baxter Clk

In the Record and Proceedings of the same Court among others is the following towit.

John Savin