States of America To all who shall see these presents Greeting. Know Ye that reposing special trust and confidence in the wisdom uprightness and learning of James Houston of Maryland I have nominated and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate do appoint him Judge of the district Court in and for the Maryland district, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to the Constitution and laws of the United States and To Have and To Hold the said office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him the said James Houston during his good behaviour — In Testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed Given under my Hand at the City of Washington the twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Thirtieth —

Seal

By the President, Th. Jefferson

James Madison Secretary of State

And took and subscribed the several oaths here in open Court, ~~prescribed~~ by the Constitution and Laws of the United States —

The Court then adjourned until To Morrow morning 10 Oclk

May 9th 1806. The Court met according to adjournment

Present The Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire one of the Associate Justices of the supreme Court
James Houston Esquire District Judge of Mary.
John Stephen Esquire Attorney
Thomas Rutter Esq. Marshal
Philip Moore Cl.

James Ray } Leave to amend the plea
John F. Mercer } plea amended filed

" Chamier } Ordered by the Court with Consent of parties that
" Baron } Comm.s issue to Marseilles & Philadelphia

The Court then adjourned until To Morrow morning 11 Oclk

May 10th 1806. The Court met according to adjournment

Present as before —

Ray } Replications & Demurrers to issue to the first rep.a issue to the
v. } 2d rep.a issue to the 3d rep.a issue to the 4th rep.a issue to the
Mercer } 5th rep.a Joinder in demurrer to the fifth Joinder in Demr. to the
6th Joinder in Demr. to the 8th Demr. held good Seventh
plea withdrawn by Dep.t Counsel — Affidavit of this
Cause Cont.d on the affidavit and the costs of this Term to be
paid by the plaintiff

John Travis proves 10 days & 45 miles as a witness for Ray agt. Mercer
Joseph Peck, proves 10 days & 45 miles as a witness for Mercer
John Brewer proves 4 days & 30 miles for Same
Jm M Duncanson 10 days & 42 miles for Same
Walter Allen 10 days & 45 miles for Same
Walter Smith 4 days & 45 miles for Do.

Matthew Connor discharged by proclamation

" Woods } Ordered by the Court with the Consent of parties, that
v. } Comm.s issue upon Comm. being filed & notice
Mc Ins Cl. } two months

" Lewis Reppert a native of Germany naturalized
Geo. Reppert a native of Germany Do.

The Court then adjourned until Monday morning 10 oclk

12 May 1806. The Court met according to adjournment

Present as before

John Davidson proves his attendance 10 days and 30 miles

The Petit Jury discharged by the Court

The Court then adjourned until To morrow morning 10 oclk

13 May 1806. The Court met according to adjournment

Present as before

The United States } A Transcript of the proceedings in the
v. } District Court of Maryland in a case between
Ship Anth.y Mangin } the said United States and the Ship Anthony
Mangin being laid before this Court in
which Transcript it appears to the Court that a decree was given