Maryland ss. The State of Maryland To the Honorable the Judges of the General court Greeting - Because in the record and proces and also in the rendering of Judgment on a certain action of debt brought by a certain Robert Morris and Tench Tilghman against Stephen Steward Senior and Stephen Steward Junior for as well the sum of nine hundred and sixty seven pounds nine shillings current money as also the Quantity of nine hundred and twelve pounds of Tobacco costs of suit: held before you our said judges at the city of Annapolis at October Term one thousand seven hundred and eighty six - Manifest Error as it is said has happened to the great damage of the said Stephen Steward Senior and Stephen Steward Junior as of their complaint we have received, and we being willing that the Error if any there be should be duly corrected and full and speedy justice done to the said Stephen Steward Senr. and Stephen Steward Junr. in this behalf command you that if Judgment be thereof rendered that then the record and proces aforesaid with all things thereunto relating under your seals distinctly and openly you send and this writ so that the same may be had before the judges of our high court of Appeals at Annapolis the first Tuesday in May next that the record and proces aforesaid being Inspected into we may further do therein for the correcting that Error which of right and according to the Laws and customs of this state may be done - Witness the Honorable John Rogers Esquire Chancellor this 8th day of February Anno Domini 1787. —

Samuel Harvey Howard Reg: Cur Can:

The State of Maryland ss. At a General court for the Western shore of the said state begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six -

Were present

The Honorable { Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire chief judge; Alexander Contee Hanson and Robert Goldsborough Junior } Esquires Judges

David Steward Gent. Sheriff; among other proceedings Thos B. Hodgkin Et.

P.R.R. Robert Morris and Tench Tilghman vs I.S.S. Stephen Steward senior & Stephen Steward Junior

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit; on the twenty ninth day of August in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five command was given to the Sheriff of Baltimore county that he should take Stephen Steward the elder and Stephen Steward the younger late of Baltimore - county merchants if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them should safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the judges of our General court, to be held at the city of annapolis on the second tuesday of October next, to answer unto Robert Morris and Tench Tilghman of a plea of trespass on the case and so forth - and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril and that he should have then and there that writ - And the aforesaid Robert Morris and Tench Tilghman declared against the said Stephen Steward Senior and Stephen Steward Junior in the plea aforesaid as follows, to wit; -

Western Shore of Maryland, County of Baltimore to wit Stephen Steward the elder and Stephen Steward the younger late of Baltimore County merchants were Attached to answer unto Robert Morris and Tench Tilghman of a plea of trespass on the case and so forth - And thereupon the said Robert Morris and Tench Tilghman by Richard Ridge by their Attorney complain that whereas certain Dasley, Barry and Little being persons trading, Merchandizing and using commerce, within this State to wit at Baltimore County aforesaid according to the usage and custom of merchants in this State, time out of mind used and approved, did on the twenty first day of July in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four, make and with their proper hands Subscribe, their certain bill or note in writing, bearing date the day and year aforesaid and the same bill to the said Stephen Steward the younger, by the name of Stephen Steward and son then in the County aforesaid trading, Merchandizing, and using commerce, directed and by the same bill or Note so as aforesaid subscribed and directed the said Dasley Barry and Little requested the aforesaid Stephen Steward the elder and Stephen Steward the younger by the name of Stephen Steward and son to pay certain Willing Morris and Swanwick or their Order then at the county aforesaid, trading merchandizing and using commerce, the sum of Eight hundred twenty three pounds nineteen shillings and Elevenpence Sterling in Bills on London and place the same to the account of them the said Dasley Barry and Little which said bill or note, so as aforesaid subscribed and directed the aforesaid Willing Morris and Swanwick, did by their Indorsement thereon, did order and direct should be paid to the aforesaid Robert Morris and Tench Tilghman by the name of Tench Tilghman and company who after the making thereof as aforesaid and after the Indorsement thereon as aforesaid made to wit on the twenty seventh day of August in the year aforesaid, at the county aforesaid to the aforesaid Stephen Steward the elder and Stephen Steward the younger exhibited, and then the said Stephen Steward the Elder and Stephen Steward the younger the bill or note aforesaid to accept according to the usage and custom of Merchants aforesaid all the time aforesaid used and approved them and there required and the aforesaid Stephen Steward the elder and Stephen Steward the younger the aforesaid Bill or note according to the usage and custom aforesaid of merchants did then and there accept to pay the said sum of money at the end of ninety days from the said twenty seventh day of August in the year last aforesaid by reason of which premises the aforesaid Stephen Steward the Elder and Stephen Steward the younger according to the usage and custom of merchants all the time aforesaid used and approved became liable for and chargeable to pay unto the aforesaid Robert Morris and Tench Tilghman the aforesaid sum of Eight hundred and twenty three pounds nine teen shillings and Elevenpence Sterling money which said sum of Sterling money was at the time of the assumption aforesaid, always hitherto hath been and still is of the value of one thousand three hundred and seventy three pounds six shillings and sixpence current money of Maryland, and being so there with chargeable the aforesaid Stephen Steward the Elder and Stephen Steward the younger afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the county aforesaid in consideration thereof upon themselves assumed to pay to the said Morris and Tilghman the aforesaid sum of Sterling money or the value thereof in