The State of Maryland, to wit 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 ninety seven, And in the twenty first year of the Independence of the United States of America,

Present

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

Richard Harwood Esquire Sheriff John Gwinn Clerk

In the record of proceedings of the same Court among others is the following to wit

A.A. Edward Dorsey against Samuel Godman & Horatio Johnson

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Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the twenty ninth day of february in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six the plaintiff by Richard Ridgely his attorney sued out of our General Court, the Writ of the State of Maryland of Scire facias directed to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County, in the words and figures, following to wit

The State of Maryland ss To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County greeting: whereas Edward Dorsey lately in our General Court on the second tuesday of may in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and ninety and by Judgment of the same Court recovered against Samuel Godman late of Ann Arundel County Gentleman and Horatio Johnson late of the same County planter otherwise called Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson of Ann Arundel County as well the sum of four hundred and fifty two pounds current money a certain debt as also the quantity of seven hundred and twelve pounds of Tobacco, for his damages which he had sustained by reason of the detention of that debt as for his costs and charges, by him about his suit in that behalf laid out and expended, whereof the said Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson are convicted, as it plainly appears to us on record; and now on behalf of the said Edward Dorsey in our said Court, before us, we have understood, that although the Judgment aforesaid, in form aforesaid is given, yet execution for the debt, damages, costs and charges aforesaid, still remains to be made for him, wherefore the said Edward Dorsey hath besought us to grant him a proper remedy in this behalf; and we being willing that what is just in this behalf should be done, command you, that by good and lawful men of your bailiwick, you give notice to the said Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson that they be before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second

Tuesday of may next to shew if they have or can say any thing for themselves why the said Edward Dorsey ought not to have his execution against them for the Debt, damages, costs and charges aforesaid, according to the form and effect of the recovery aforesaid, if they shall think fit: and further to do and receive what our said Court shall then and there consider concerning them in this behalf, and have there then the names of those by whom you shall give them notice and this Writ. Witness the honorable Samuel Chase Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, the thirteenth day of October Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety five,

Issued the 29th day of february 1796. (R Ridgely) John Gwinn Clk

At which mentioned second tuesday of may being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety six and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes here into our General Court the aforesaid Edward Dorsey by Richard Ridgely his attorney aforesaid: And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whom the said aforegoing Writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit

'Made known in presence of James Walker and John Welch' Rich. Harwood Shff

And the said Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson by Henry Ridgely their attorney come and defend the force and injury when and so forth, And the aforesaid Edward Dorsey by his attorney aforesaid prays that the said Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson may answer to the Writ of Scire facias aforesaid in the plea aforesaid by the twentieth day of August next: and thereupon it is said to the said Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson that if they do not answer to the Writ of Scire facias aforesaid of the aforesaid Edward Dorsey by the said twentieth day of August next: Judgment will be entered against them by default. And hereupon the said Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson by their attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and so forth: and pray leave of the Court to imparle hereunto until the second tuesday of october next: and they have it, the same day is given to the said Edward Dorsey also, — At which said second tuesday of october being the Eleventh day of the same month in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six comes again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid Edward Dorsey by his attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson by their attorney aforesaid: and the said Samuel Godman and Horatio Johnson by their attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and so forth, and pray an hearing of the Writ of Scire facias aforesaid and to them it is read in the words following, to wit: The State of Maryland ss To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County greeting. Whereas Edward Dorsey lately in our General Court