and the Sheriff of the said County directed in manner and form and of the tenor following, to wit,

Maryland Sct. The State of Maryland. To the Chief Justice and Apociate Justices of Anne Arundel County Court, and the Sheriff of the said County, Greeting, Whereas a certain Samuel Welch late of Anne Arundel County is detained in the prison of the said County, and under the custody of the said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain William Merryman in a plea of trespass on the case and so forth; which said plea as it is said, still depends before you the said Justices, undetermined, and the General Court being willing, for divers causes, that the plea aforesaid, undetermined as aforesaid, should be heard and determined before the said General Court, Therefore you are hereby commanded to have the body of the said Samuel Welch by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the cause of his caption and detention and all things thereunto relating, before the General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, that the said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains and so forth, hereof fail not at your peril, and have then and there this writ. Witness the honourable Jeremiah Townley Chase Esquire Chief Judge of the said General Court, the twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three.

Issued the seventeenth day of April 1804

(AS) John Gwinn Clk

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the eighth day of the said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four, and the return day of the foregoing writ, the Chief Justice and apociate Justices of Anne Arundel County Court, and the Sheriff of the said County, in obdience to the command contained in the said Writ, to wit, the said Sheriff now here hath the body of the said Samuel Welch, and the said Chief Justice and apociate Justices certify and transmit to the Court here, a record of the proceedings before

before the said County Court had, containing the cause of the caption and detention of the said Samuel Welch in the plea aforesaid, and all things thereunto relating and which said Record of proceedings is in form following, to wit,

Ann Arundel County Sct. At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for the County aforesaid on the third Monday of April, to wit, the 16th. day of the same Month in the year 1804.

The Worshipful | Were Present
Henry Ridgely, Esquire Chief Justice
Archibald Dorsey, Isaac Dorsey } Esquires. Apociate Justices

In the Record of proceedings of the same Court, is the following, to wit,

Sh. O.B.D. William Merryman
vs
AS. Samuel Welch

Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, the said William Merryman by Samuel Chase Junr. his Attorney prosecuted and sued forth out of the County Court here the Writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, in the words, and of the tenor following, to wit,

Ann Arundel County Sct. The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County, Greeting, We command you that you take Samuel Welch late of Ann Arundel County, Yeoman if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Annapolis, on the third Monday of April next to answer unto William Merryman in a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth, hereof fail not &c. Witness Henry Ridgely Esquire Chief Justice of our said Court the 6th. day of January 1803. Issued the 16th. day of February 1803.

Sh. Nick. Harwood, Clk

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