Geo Lapthorne maryland ff
Robt Grundey ffs

Robt Grundey Gent high Sheriff of Talbott County was attached to answere unto Geo: Lapthorne of a plea of trespass upon ye Case.

Whereupon the Said Geo: by Wm Bladen his attorney Complaineth that whereas heretofore that is to Say at a Generall Court of our Lord the King that now is held for this his majts Province of maryland the 18th Day of may in the yr of our Lord one thousd Six hundred ninty nine before Richd Hill Esq and his Fellowes Justices of our Said Lord the King of that his Court the Said George by Consideration of that Court did recover agt one Robt Smith Esq the Sume of Eighty three pounds eight shillings and four pence for a certaine Debt for Damages as also the Sume of Eleaven hundred and forty pd lbs his Cost and Charges by him expended in the prosecution of the Said Suite the the Said Geo: for more effectually obtaining the Said Debt and Cost Did afterwards that is to Say the 14th day of october 1699 Sue out of his Majesties Said Court a Certaine writt of our Lord the King of Capias ad Satisfaciendum to the Said Robert Grundy then and yet high Sherriff of the Said County directed in which writt our Said Lord the King did Command the Said Robert Grundy high Sherriff as a forsd that he should take the Said Robert Smith if he should be found in his Baylwick and him safe keep So that he should have his body before the Justices of his Majesties Said prott Court then next to be held to Satisfye unto the Said George the debt and Costs afsd and that he the Said Robert Grundy then

then and yet high Sheriff as afors^d should have then and there the writt aforesd by the records of the Said Court more plainly and at large may appeare which Said writt of Capias ad Satisfaciendum the Said George did Cause to be delivered to the Said Robert Grundy then and yett high Sheriff of the County afors^d in due forme of Law to be executed by vertue whereof the Said Robt Grundy high Sheriff then and yet of this County aforesaid afterwards to witt the 14th Aprill Anno dom 1700 and before the returne of the Said writt att Talbot County afsd the body of the Said Robert Smith for the Cause afsd in the writt afsd mentioned did Arrest and him in his Custody and prison for the Cause afsd for the Satisfaction of the debt and Cost afsd Did and detayned Nevertheless the Said Robt Grundy then and yett high Sheriff of the County afsd not the honour of the Said writt of our Said Lord the King nor the Commands therein nor the duty of his Said office regarding but mending and fraudulently contriving him the Said George in this behalfe Craftily and Subtilly to deceive and defraud Afterwards that is to Say the 20th day of Aprill in the year of our Lord 1700 att Talbot County aforesaid the Said Robert Smith then in the Custody of him the Said Robert Grundy then and yett high Sheriff of Talbot County afsd for the Cause afsd without Satisfying the Said George the debt and Costs afsd and against the knowledge and Consent of him the Said George him the Said Robt Smith att large nor Whether he desired to go out of his prison and Custody did voluntarily and Negligently Omitt and Suffer the Said George of his debt and Costs afsd being no wise Satisfied or paid to the damage of the Said George one hundred pounds Sterling and Wrong of the Kings this Suit &c &c

And ~~whereupon~~ the Said Robert Grundy by Jacob Lloyd his Attorney Comes and defends the force and Injury when &c and prays Liberty to Imparle therein unto untill next Court And it is granted him the Same day is Given the plaintiff alsoe

Now Here att this day to witt the 4th Day of January 1701 Came the Said parties by their attorneys and the Said Jacob Lloyd Says that he is not informed by his Client ad Any thing