Dorchester County Gentleman was attached to answer unto George Middleton of a Plea wherefore with force and Arms he the said Thomas Muir one Ox of the Price of Six Pounds Current Money one other Ox of the Price of Six Pounds Current Money one Cow of the Price of three Pounds Current Money and one half of the Price of Twenty Shillings Current Money the Proper Oxen Cow and half of the said George Middleton at Dorchester County aforesaid did take and carry away and other harms to the said George Middleton then and there did to the Great Damage of the said George and against the Peace of the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary that now is &c

And Whereupon the said George Middleton by Charles Goldborough his Attorney Complains the aft. Thomas Muir the tenth day of July Anno Dom. seventeen hundred and fifty at Dorchester County aft. with force and Arms one Ox the Proper Ox of the said George Middleton of the Price of Six pounds Current Money one other Ox the Proper Ox of the said George Middleton of the Price of Six pounds Current Money one Cow the Proper Cow of the said George Middleton of the Price of three Pounds Current Money and one half the proper half of the said George Middleton of the Price of Twenty shillings Current Money at Dorchester County aft. being found with force and Arms did then and there take and carry away and other harms to the said George Middleton then and there did to the Great damage of the said George Middleton and against the Peace of the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary that now is &c Wherefore the same George Middleton saith he is the Worse and hath Damage to the Value of Fifty Pounds Current Money and therefore he brings suit

(Charles Goldborough) Pltf. John Dee & R. Ard

And the aft. Thomas by James Tilghman his Attorney came and Defended the force and Injury when &c and Prayed liberty of Imparling thereof untill the second Tuesday in June then next following and he had it &c the same day was given to the aft. George &c

At which day came as well the aft. George by his Attorney aft. as the aft. Thomas by his Attorney aft. And the aft. Thomas Prayed further liberty of Imparling thereof untill the second Tuesday in August then next following and he had it &c the same day was given to the aft. George &c

And now here at this day cometh as well the aft. George by his Attorney aft. as the aft. Thomas by his Attorney aft. Whereupon the aft. Thomas Muir Produceth to the Court here the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary his Writ of Habeas Corpus the Tenor whereof ensueth in these words and figures following (to wit)

Maryland ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland

(and)

and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To the Justices and Sheriff of Dorchester County greeting Whereas a certain Thomas Muir of Dorchester County is detained in the Prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain George Middleton of a Plea of Trespass which said Plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined and we being willing for Divers Causes that the Plea aft. undetermined as aft. should be heard and Determined before the Justices of our Provincial Court therefore Command you that you have the Body of the said Thomas Muir by whatsoever name he be called in the Plea aft. together with the day and cause of his Caption and detainer and all things thereunto Relating before the Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of September next that our said Justices of our Provincial Court may further Proceed thereon as to Justice Appertains &c Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness Benj. Young Esq. Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the first Day of May in the 37th. year of our Dominion &c Anno Domini 1751

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Allowed per Jno Beale

Which being read and heard is by the Court allowed of and by the same Court it is ordered that the Record and Process aft. together with the Proceedings thereto relating be Transmitted accordingly before the Right Honorable the Lord Propry. his Justices of the Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of September next

(Dorchty Seal)

In Testimony whereof I have to set my hand and affix the Public Seal of Dorchester County aft. this second day of September Anno Dom. 1751

John Caile Clerk

And now here at this day to wit the said second Tuesday of September being the 10th. day of the same Month Anno Dom. 1751 comes into his Lordships Provincial Court here as well the aft. George Middleton by his Attorney aft. as the said Thomas Muir by his Attorney aft. and the said Thomas Muir by his said Attorney Defends the force and Injury when &c and Prays leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 14th. day of April Anno Dom. 1752 comes again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aft. And the said Defendant by his said Attorney Prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 19th. day of September Anno Dom. 1752 comes again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aft. And the said Defendant by his said Attorney Prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next

(Court)