D.D. Philip Hammond } Attachment.
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John Fowler ——— } The Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to whom this Writ was directed comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed to wit. Countermanded.

Wm. Thomas Johnson Junr. } Scisin
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Michael Wallace } The Sheriff of Cecil County to whom this Writ was directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus not Executed because the Plaintiff is not to be found in his Bailiwick.

D.D. John Stuart and Company } Command was given to the Sheriff of Worcester
a County that he should take Mathias Harris
28 Mathias Harris } of Worcester County Clerk if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of his Lordships Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October then next to Answer unto John Stewart of London Merchant and Company of a Plea that he render unto them the Sum of Forty pounds Sterling which to them he Owes and unjustly detains &c. and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail &c.

At which said third Tuesday of October to wit the Twenty first day of the same Month Anno Dom. One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty five being the day of the Return of the aforegoing Writ comes the said John Stewart and Company by Daniel Dulany their Attorney and the Sheriff of Worcester County to whom the same Writ was directed also comes and makes Return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed to wit Capi Corpus so answers.

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And the said Mathias Harris being called upon appears thereupon at the prayer of the Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid and Mathias Harris is adjudged to give Special Bail to the action aforesaid Thereupon a Certain Robert Swan of the City of Annapolis Merchant Present here in Court undertakes for the said Mathias Harris that in Case the said John Stewart and Company shall recover Judgment against the said Mathias Harris in the Plea aforesaid or that the said Mathias Harris shall be therein legally Convict that then the said Mathias Harris shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or render his Body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Worcester County in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said Robert Swan will do the same for him.

And the said John Stewart and Company by their Attorney aforesaid

declare against the aforesaid Mathias Harris in the Plea aforesaid as follows to wit.

Maryland to wit. Mathias Harris of Worcester County Clerk was Summoned to Answer unto John Stewart of London Merchant and Company of a Plea that he render unto them the Sum of Forty pounds Sterling which to them he Owes and unjustly detains and so forth.

And whereupon the said John Stewart and Company by Daniel Dulany their Attorney say that whereas the aforesaid Mathias Harris on the fifth day of April in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifty three at the County aforesaid by his certain Bill Obligatory Sealed with the Seal of the said Mathias and here to the Court Shewn the date whereof is the same day and Year aforesaid did for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators promise to pay or cause to be paid to the aforesaid John Stewart and Company by the Name of Wm. John Stewart of London Merchant and Company their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the said Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling Money of Great Brittain with Legal Interest when he should be thereunto afterwards required Nevertheless the said Mathias Harris altho' often thereunto required the aforesaid Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling Money aforesaid to the said John Stewart and Company or to his or their Assigns or Order hath not Rendered or paid but the same to render or pay hath hitherto wholly refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said John Stuart and Company say they are worse and have Damage to the Value of Thirty pounds Sterling Money of Great Brittain and thereupon they bring Suit &c.

℔ Dasr pledges &c. } John Doe & Richard Roe

And the aforesaid Mathias Harris by Stephen Bordley his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays a hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and it is read unto him in these Words following to wit.

I Promise for my self my Heirs Executors Administrators to pay or cause to be paid to Wm. John Stewart of London Merchant and Company their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns or his or their Order Twenty pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain with Legal Interest from this Date. Witness my hand and Seal this 5th April 1753

Which being read and heard the said Mathias Harris by his said Attorney prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit the Eighteenth day of May Anno Dom. One thousand Seven hundred and fifty six Come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit the Nineteenth day of October Anno Dom. One thousand Seven hundred and fifty six Come again the the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.