Porter Administratrix in Cecil County Court the Justices of the said Court transmit to his Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court here the following record Viz: Maryland Cecil County to wit In the Records and Proceedings of a Court of the right honourable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and so forth begun and held in and for Cecil County aforesaid at the Court house upon Elk River on the second Tuesday of June in the sixth year of his said Lordships Dominion and so forth and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred fifty and six by and before the said Lord Proprietary Justices and other Officers thereunto duly and legally assigned commissioned qualified and authorized and so forth to wit

The Worshipfull { John Veazy Esquire presiding Justice; Nichlas Hyland, Peter Bayard, Benjamin Chew, Thomas Sainbury, Nathan Baker, George Milligan } Gentlemen Justices

William Hedges Gentleman Sheriff and Matthias Bordley Clerk

Among other things is contained as followeth to wit

Dr. Hugh Mathews against Mary Porter Admx. of James Porter } Cecil County to wit Be it remembered that heretofore to wit the thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred fifty and four

It was commanded the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take Mary Porter late of Cecil County Widow Administratrix of all and Singular the Goods Chattels Rights and Credits which were of James Porter late of the said County deceased at the time of his Death who died intestate as it is said Therein lately called James Porter of Cecil County and Province of Maryland Farmer if she should be found in his Bailiwick and her safe keep so that he might have her Body before the Lord Proprietary Justices at a Court then to be held for said County at the Court House upon Elk River on the second Tuesday of March then next to Answer unto Hugh Mathews of a plea that she render unto him the penal Sum of forty eight pounds eight Shillings current money of Maryland which to him she owes and unjustly detains and so forth And now here at this day to wit the same second Tuesday of March aforesaid cometh the aforesaid Hugh Mathews by Sidney George his Attorney and now here likewise cometh the Sheriff of Cecil County aforesaid to wit William Hedges Gentleman and maketh Return thereof here that he hath taken the Body of the same Mary Porter and hath her here ready at the Court House aforesaid to Answer unto the aforesaid Hugh Mathews of the Plea aforesaid as he was commanded And Whereupon the same Hugh Mathews by Sidney George his Attorney says that whereas the said James Porter in his life time to wit on the Seventh day of May in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty four at Cecil County aforesaid by his certain Writing obligatory granted himself to be held and firmly bound unto the aforesaid Hugh Mathews in the aforesaid Sum of forty eight pounds Eight Shillings (current)

current Money of maryland) to be paid unto the said Hugh when he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the same James in his life time or the said Mary after the Death of the same James to which said Mary by the Name Porter Administration of all and Singular the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits which were of the same James at the time of his death were in due Form of Law committed the aforesaid Sum of Money to the said Hugh have not paid nor have either of them paid the same unto the same James in his life time and the aforesaid Mary since his Death altogether have refused and the said Mary the same to pay as yet both refuse and unjustly detain to the damage of the same Hugh Eighty pounds Current Money of Maryland and therefore he brings this Suit and he hereunto Court brings the Writing Obligatory aforesaid which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid testifies whose date is the same day and year aforesaid pledges for prosecuting are John Doe & Richard Roe and now here at this day to wit the same second Tuesday of March aforesaid the aforesaid Mary Porter by George Garnett her Attorney cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when and so forth and prayeth leave to Imparle unto the Declaration aforesaid here until the second Tuesday of June next and she hath it and the same day is given unto the same Hugh Mathews here and so forth At which said second Tuesday of June until which day the aforesaid Mary Porter had leave to the Declaration aforesaid to imparle cometh here again as well the aforesaid Hugh Mathews by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Mary Porter by her Attorney aforesaid And thereupon the said Mary Porter by her said Attorney prayeth further leave to imparle thereunto hereuntil the second Tuesday of August next and she hath it and the same day is given to the same Hugh Mathews here and so forth at which said second Tuesday of August cometh here again as well the aforesaid Hugh Mathews by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Mary Porter by her Attorney aforesaid And thereupon the said Mary Porter by her said Attorney prayeth further leave to Imparle hereunto until the second Tuesday of November next and she hath it and the same day is given to the same Hugh Mathews here and so forth at which said second Tuesday of November cometh here again as well the aforesaid Hugh Mathews by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Mary Porter by her Attorney aforesaid And thereupon the said Mary Porter by her said Attorney prayeth further leave to Imparle thereunto here until the second Tuesday of March next and she hath it and the same day is given to the same Hugh Mathews here and so forth at which said second Tuesday of March cometh here again as well the aforesaid Hugh Mathews by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Mary Porter by her Attorney aforesaid And thereupon the Court aforesaid and the Business therein were continued from day to day until Friday the twelfth day of the same March on which day two only of the Lord Proprietary Justices duly assigned (commissioned)