Edward Browne, Esquire Sheriff and Benjamin Chambers Clerk

In the record of proceedings of the said Court, amongst other things were the following, to wit.

John Dixon vs. William R. Stuart } Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the fourth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen the said John Dixon by William Barroll his attorney, prosecuted a certain out of this County Court here, the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum, directed to the Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid in the words and figures & the tenor following to wit. Kent County, to wit. The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting. Seal of Kent County Court } You are hereby commanded to take William R. Stuart late of Kent County, if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the County Court, to be held at the Court house in the Town of Chester in and for the said County of Kent on the third Monday of March next to answer unto John Dixon in a plea that he render unto him the sum of eight hundred and ninety nine dollars current money which to him he owes, and unjustly detains &c. hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable Richard Tilghman Earle Esquire Chief Judge of the said County Court the 21 day of September Anno Domini 1812. Issued this 4 day of February Anno Domini 1813. Benj. Chambers Clk

At which mentioned third Monday of March in the year eighteen hundred & thirteen, and the day of the return of the said aforegoing Writ, comes into the County Court here, the said John Dixon by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid, to wit, Edward Brown Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. Kent County Sct. By virtue of this Writ to me directed I have taken the within named William R. Stuart, whose body I have ready before the County Court within named, at the day and place within contained as I am within commanded to answer. Edward Brown Shff. And the said William R. Stuart being called appears in Court here, by Ezekiel F. Chambers his attorney, thereupon motion of the said John Dixon by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here, that the said William R. Stuart give special bail in the plea aforesaid, whereupon a certain Frederick Wilson of Kent County here into Court in his own person (and with the consent of the said John Dixon by his said attorney) becomes pledge and bail for the said William R. Stuart, that if it shall happen that the said William R. Stuart shall be condemned at the suit of the said John Dixon in the plea aforesaid, then the said Frederick Wilson consents that as well the debt aforesaid, as all such damages, costs & charges as shall be adjudged unto the said John Dixon in this behalf shall be made of his body lands and chattels and levied to the use of the said John Dixon, if it shall happen that the said William R. Stuart shall not pay the said debt damages costs & charges or render himself to the prison custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid on that occasion, thereupon on motion of the said William R. Stuart by his attorney aforesaid it is ruled by the Court here that the said John Dixon declare against him the said William R. Stuart in the plea aforesaid a Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default thereof, and the said William R. Stuart by his attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the third Monday of September next and to him it is granted the same day is given to the said John Dixon also. At which mentioned third Monday of September in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen, and to which said day the said William R. Stuart had leave to imparle come again into the County Court here the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid; and thereupon on motion of the said William R. Stuart by his attorney aforesaid it is further ruled by the Court here that the said John Dixon declare

against him the said William R. Stuart in the plea aforesaid, a Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default thereof, and the said William R. Stuart by his attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here further to imparle until the third Monday of March next, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the aforesaid John Dixon also. And now here at this day to wit, the said third Monday of March being the twenty first day of the same month in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, and to which said day the said William R. Stuart has leave further to imparle, come again into the County Court here, the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said John Dixon by his attorney aforesaid now declares in the Court here against the said William R. Stuart in the plea aforesaid and in manner and form following to wit. Kent County, to wit. William R. Stuart late of Kent County was summoned to answer unto John Dixon in a plea that he render unto him the sum of eight hundred and ninety nine Dollars current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said John by William Barroll his attorney says that whereas the aforesaid William on the twenty first day of March eighteen hundred and eleven at Kent County aforesaid by his certain Bill obligatory with his seal sealed & to the Court here shewn, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said John in the aforesaid sum of eight hundred and ninety nine Dollars with legal Interest thereon to be paid to the said John when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid William (altho' often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of money to the aforesaid John hath not rendered or paid, but the same to the said John hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said John in the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars current money and therefore he brings suit &c. W. Barroll for Plff. pledges &c. John Doe & Richd. Roe. — And the said William R. Stuart by his attorney aforesaid defends the force & injury when &c. and saith that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said John Dixon so as aforesaid against him brought nor but that he owes to the aforesaid John Dixon the aforesaid sum of eight hundred and ninety eight Dollars, current money in such manner and form as the aforesaid John Dixon within against him hath complained, nor but that the aforesaid John Dixon hath sustained damages, by reason of the detention of the debt aforesaid to the sum of four hundred dollars current money in like manner and form as the aforesaid John Dixon within against him hath complained, besides his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out & expended &c. and hereupon the aforesaid John Dixon by his attorney aforesaid prays Judgment for the debt aforesaid so as aforesaid confessed, together with his damages so as aforesaid acknowledged as also for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended &c. to him to be adjudged &c. therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said John Dixon recover against the said William R. Stuart as well the said sum of eight hundred and ninety nine Dollars, current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed, as the said sum of four hundred Dollars, current money his damages aforesaid, acknowledged to be sustained by reason of the detention of the said debt; as also the sum of seven Dollars and forty six cents by the Court here unto the said John Dixon on his assent adjudged for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended, and the aforesaid William R. Stuart in mercy &c.

Memorandum. Judgment was rendered in this cause on the twenty fifth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, for eight hundred & ninety nine Dollars current money debt, and four hundred Dollars damages & seven dollars & forty two cents costs of suit. Damages to be released on payment of Interest on the debt from the first day of March eighteen hundred and eleven till paid.

Note. The parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, at the time of the rendition of the Judgment aforesaid, filed the following agreement, to wit. Whereas the