And now here to wit the fourth day of November Seventeen hundred and Eighty the Sheriff of Harford County was commanded that he should take the said Thomas Hall if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him so taken safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of Harford County Court to be held for Harford County aforesaid at the Court house in the Town of Harford in the same County on the fourth Tuesday in November then next to answer unto them on a presentment for assaulting John Lee Webster And now here at this day to wit the fourth Tuesday in November being the twenty eighth day of the same Month cometh Luther Martin Esq. Attorney for the said State in this behalf prosecutes And now here cometh the Sheriff of Harford County to whom the same writ was directed to wit James Horner Gentleman and maketh return here that he hath taken the body of the same Thomas Hall and the said Luther Martin on behalf of the said State prayeth the Court here that the said Sheriff may be called on to bring into Court the body of the said Thomas Hall agreeable to his return or be amerced and the said Sheriff to wit James Horner altho solemnly called on to bring into Court the body of the said Thomas Hall maketh default thereto by reason whereof the said Sheriff is amerced the Sum of five Shillings until the fourth Tuesday in March next And now here at this day to wit the said fourth Tuesday in March that is to say the fourth Tuesday in March Seventeen hundred and Eighty one cometh again the aforesaid Luther and produceth to the Court here a Certiorari which is contained in the words and figures following to wit, The State of Maryland Ss. To the Justices and Clerk of Harford County Greeting we being willing for certain Reasons to be certified of the Tenor of all warrants Indictments Recognizances Inquisitions or other proceedings in your County in the names or behalf of the State carried on or prosecuted against Thomas Hall and George Copeland of the same touching and concerning a breach of our peace committed by the said Thomas Hall upon the Body of a certain John Lee Webster of the said County Commanded you that the Record and proceedings in the plea aforesaid with all proceedings thereunto relating by whatsoever names the parties in the same are distinguished openly and without delay You certify and send to us in our General Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of May next together with this writ that the Judges of our said Court being rightly informed may further proceed therein as of right they shall see fit witness Nicholas Thomas Esquire one of the Judges of our said Court the 15th day of November Anno Domini 1780

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In testimony that the above is a true Copy from the Record and proceedings of Harford County Court I have set my hand and Seal the 2. May 1781

John Lee Gibson Clk H Coty

Whereupon the same is continued until next Court At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same Month Anno Domini 1781 The Grand Jurors for the State of Maryland for the body of the western Shore of Maryland present to the Court here the following Bill of Indictment to wit State of Maryland Ss. The Jurors for the State of Maryland for the body of the western Shore of Maryland upon their oath present that Thomas Hall late of Harford County Yeoman on the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty with force and arms at the County aforesaid in and upon a certain John

Lee Webster then and there in the peace of God and of the State being did make an Assault and him the said Webster did beat wound and ill treat so that of his life it was greatly despaired and other harms to the said Webster then and there did to the great damage of the said Webster and against the peace Government and dignity of the State &c

Luther Martin Atty Genl.

On the back of the aforegoing bill of Indictment was thus written to wit. True Bill. Robt. Coulson Foreman Grand Jury Witness John Lee Webster

And the said Thomas Hall being called upon appears at the bar of the Court here in his proper person and being demanded how he of the premises above on him imposed would acquit himself saith that he cannot deny but he is guilty thereof and submits himself to the grace of the Court here It is thereupon considered by the Judges here that the said Thomas Hall do forfeit and pay to the said State the Sum of four pounds Current money for his offence aforesaid by the Court here adjudged and the said Thomas Hall is thereupon discharged on payment thereof and the fees accruing to the several officers of the Court here by occasion of the premises

Test Thos. B. Hodgkin Cl.

State vs Thomas Hall } Memorandum the Defendant sued out the State's writ of Certiorari which follows in these words and figures to wit

The State of Maryland Ss. To the Justices and Clerk of Harford County Greeting we being willing for certain reasons to be certified of the Tenor of all warrants Indictments Inquisitions or other proceedings in your said County carried on or prosecuted in the name or on behalf of the State against Thomas Hall and George Copeland of the same touching and concerning a breach of our peace committed by the said Thomas Hall upon the body of a certain John Lee Webster of the said County Command you that the Record and proceedings in the plea aforesaid with all proceedings thereunto relating by whatsoever names the parties in the same are distinguished openly and without delay you certify and send to us in our General Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of May next together with this writ that the Judges of our said Court being rightly informed may further proceed therein as of right they shall see fit Witness Nicholas Thomas Esquire one of the Judges of our said Court the 16th day of November Anno Domini 1780

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At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of May being the eighth day of the same Month Anno Domini 1781 The Justices and Clerk of Harford County transmit to the Court here in pursuance of the directions of the aforegoing writ, the following Record to wit

The State of Maryland Harford County Ss. At a County Court held for Harford County aforesaid at the Court house in Harford Town on the fourth Tuesday in November being the twenty eighth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty before the worshipful the Justices of the same Court of whom were present Mess.rs the Worshipful

John Love, Thomas Johnson, John B. Hall, John Archer — Wm. Smithson, Ignt. Wheeler, Robt. Amos, John Patrick — James Giles, James McComas, Abin Whitacare, John Rumsay — William Bond, Mordecai Amos — Gent. Justices