our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, and the day of this return of the aforegoing writ, the Justices and Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the same writ was made and directed, in pursuance thereof transmitted to the Court here, the following record, to wit:

Baltimore County, to wit; At a County Court of the State of Maryland held at the Court House in Baltimore Town in and for the County aforesaid the Monday before the first Tuesday in August seventeen hundred and eighty seven —

Present

John Moale — Thomas Elliott
George G. Presbury — Thomas Todd
Isaac Rutlidge — Lyde Goodwin
Jeremiah Johnson — John C. Howard ..... Gent. Justices
Charles Ridgely of Wm, — Richard Owings of Saml
Abraham Rutlidge — Edmund Stansbury
Thomas Russell — Henry Sonnott
William Russell

Philip Graybell Esquire Sheriff — William Gibson Clerk

Among other were the following Proceedings Viz.

Ellen Gist vs John Elder

Be it remembered, that heretofore, on the sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, The State of Maryland's writ of Capias Adrespondendum issued to the Sheriff of Baltimore County in the words and figures following Viz.

State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting. We command you that you take John Elder late of Baltimore County yeoman, otherwise called John Elder of Baltimore County in the State of Maryland if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and that him so taken you safe keep so that you have his Body before the Justices of Baltimore County Court at the Court House in the same County the Monday before the first Tuesday in November next to answer unto Ellen Gist of a plea that he render unto her the sum of One hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland which to her he owes and unjustly detains and soforth — Witness John Moale Gentleman Presiding Justice of our said Court the Twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and eighty six —

Test. Issued the 6th day of October 1786. — W. Gibson Clerk —

And now here at this day, to wit the said Monday before the first Tuesday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. Cometh the said Ellen Gist by

Robert Smith her attorney. And now here also cometh the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the aforesaid writ was directed, to wit, Philip Graybell Gentleman who maketh return thereof to the Court now here thus endorsed —

"Cepi" Philip Graybell Sheriff

And the said John Elder now here also cometh by David McMechen his Attorney and a certain Michael Elder now here also cometh into Court in his proper person and undertakes and becomes pledge and bail for the said John Elder that if it shall happen that the said John Elder at the suit Ellen Gist in the plea aforesaid shall be convicted then the said Michael Elder doth grant that as well the debt aforesaid as all such damages, costs and charges which to the said Ellen Gist in this part shall be adjudged of his Lands and Chattels shall be made to and for the use of the said Ellen Gist to be levied if it shall happen that the said John Elder the Debt, damages, Costs and charges aforesaid to the said Ellen Gist shall not pay or his Body to the prison and Custody of the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid on that occasion render — And the said John Elder by his Attorney defend the force and injury when and soforth and prays leave to Imparle here until the Monday before the first Tuesday in March next and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Ellen Gist and soforth —

At which said Monday before the first Tuesday in March, cometh again the parties aforesaid by their Attorney's aforesaid and the said John Elder by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle here until the Monday before the first Tuesday in August next and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Ellen Gist and soforth —

And now here at this day, to wit, the said Monday before the first Tuesday in August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven — Cometh the parties aforesaid by their Attorney's aforesaid and the said John Elder by his said Attorney Produces to the Court now here the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus closed in the words and figures following Viz. —

The State of Maryland Sc. To the Justices and Sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting. Whereas John Elder is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Ellen Gist in a plea of Debt and soforth, which said plea still remains before you our said Justices undetermined as it is said and we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court — Do therefore Command you that you have the Body of the said John Elder by whatsoever name he be called in the plea aforesaid together with the day and cause of his Caption and detainer and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next that our said Judges being rightly informed of the truth of the Premises may