John Ransburgh against Richard Lawrence

Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the nineteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, the said Joshua Dorsey Attorney of the said Richard Lawrence, sued out of the General Court here, the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus, directed to the Justices and Sheriff of Ann Arundell county in the words and figures, following, to wit —

The State of Maryland, ss. To the Justices and Sheriff of Ann Arundel County, Greeting. Whereas Richard Lawrence is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the Suit of a certain John Ransburgh in a plea of Debt and so forth — 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 Richard Lawrence 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 further proceed thereon as to Justice appertains and so forth, and have you then and there this writ — witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court this 25th day of May Anno Domini 1787 —

Issued the 19th June 1787 — (J Dorsey) Thos B. Hodgkin Clk —

And Now, here at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same Month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Justices and Sheriff of Anne Arundell county, to whom the same writ was made and directed in pursuance thereof, transmitted to the Court here the following Record, to wit —

Ann Arundell county ss. At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for the County aforesaid on the second Tuesday of August being the 5th day of the same Month Anno Domini 1787 — Were Present.

The Worshipful — Nicholas Worthington, Allen Dwyer, John Brice, Robert Gaudey, Elijah Robotson, Thomas Tongue — Gent. Justices

David Stewart Esq. Sheriff — Nich Hammond Clk

In the Record and Proceedings of the same Court is the following, to wit —

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Ann Arundell county ss. Command was given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundell county, that he should take Richard Lawrence late of Ann Arundel County otherwise called Richard Lawrence of Frederick County if he should be found in your bailiwick and that him he should safe keep, so that he might have his Body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of August then next to answer unto John Ransburgh of a plea that he render unto him the sum of Ninety two pounds fourteen shillings Gold or Silver of the value of the same sum of Current Money of Maryland which from him he unjustly detains and so forth —

At which said second Tuesday in August, to wit the 8th day of the same Month in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty six being the day of the return of the said writ, Comes the said John Ransburgh by Henry Ridgely his attorney and the Sheriff of Ann Arundell county to whom the aforegoing writ was directed comes and makes return thereof thus endorsed —

"Cepi" David Stewart Shff

And the said Richard Lawrence by Joshua Dorsey his attorney at the prayer of the said John Ransburgh by Henry Ridgely his attorney John Weyman of Ann Arundell county Planter being also present here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Richard Lawrence that in case the said John Ransburgh shall recover Judgment against the said Richard Lawrence in the action aforesaid or that he the said Richard Lawrence shall be thereof Convict that then the said Richard Lawrence shall pay to the said John Ransburgh the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or render his Body into the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundell county in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said John Weyman will do it for him —

And the said Richard Lawrence by Joshua Dorsey his attorney Comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and 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 second Tuesday in November Seventeen hundred and eighty 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 —

Afterwards, to wit, on the second Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and eighty seven, Comes as well the said John Ransburgh