by Henry Ridgely his attorney aforesaid, as the said Richard Lawrence by Joshua Dorsey his attorney aforesaid, and the said Richard Lawrence by his said attorney, produces to the Court here the States Writ of Habeas Corpus which is allowed by the Court, and the Record ordered to be transmitted accordingly.

The State of Maryland Sc. To the Justices and Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting. Whereas a certain 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 &c. as 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 Commaund 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 Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October next, that our said Judges being rightly informed of the truth of the premeises may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and &c. forth — And have you then and there this Writ — Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 25th day of May Anno Domini 1787 — Issued 19 June 1787 — Dorsey — Thos. B. Hodgkins

Seal of a County Court

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of office this 29th day of September Anno Domini 1787 — Nich Hammond

At which aforementioned 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, Came into the General Court here, as well the said John Ransburgh by Henry Ridgely and Gabriel Duvall his attornies, as the said Richard Lawrence by Joshua Dorsey his Attorney; and the said John Ransburgh by his Attorney aforesaid, files in Court here, his Declaration against the said Richard Lawrence in the plea aforesaid, in form following, to wit —

State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County Sc. Richard Lawrence late of Anne Arundel County, otherwise called Richard Lawrence of Frederick County was summoned to answer unto John Ransburgh of a plea that he render unto him the full and just 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 &c. forth — And whereupon the said John Ransburgh by Henry Ridgely his attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid Richard Lawrence on the twenty fourth day of November in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty three at Anne Arundel County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the aforesaid John in the aforesaid sum of ninety two pounds fourteen shillings, Gold or Silver Currency to be paid to him the said John when afterwards he should be thereunto required — Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard (although afterwards thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Ninety two pounds fourteen Shillings current money aforesaid to him the said John hath not rendered or paid but the same to him, hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse, wherefore he saith he is the worse, and hath damage to the value of One hundred and fifty pounds, and therefore he brings suit and &c. forth; and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid, Sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Richard which the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and &c. forth —

H. Ridgely for Plff. Pledges &c. forth — John Doe Rich. Roe —

And the aforesaid Richard by his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury, when and &c. forth, and prays an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid, and the Condition thereof, and he hath them in the words following, to wit —

Know all Men by these presents, that I Richard Lawrence of Frederick County, am held and firmly bound unto John Ransburgh of Frederick County in the full and just sum of Ninety two pounds fourteen shillings Gold or Silver, to be paid to the said John Ransburgh his certain attorney, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, To the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents; Sealed with my seal and dated this twenty fourth day of November 1783 — The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Richard Lawrence his Heirs, Executors and Administrators do and shall well and truly pay unto the said John Ransburgh his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators and Assigns the just and full sum of forty six pounds seven shillings gold or Silver on or before the Nineteenth day Day of January next ensuing the Date hereof without Interest for the same then the above Obligation to be void and of no effect else to remain in full force and virtue in Law —

Sealed & Delivered in presence of Mail X his mark Easterday } Richard Lawrence his (Seal)