Sarah Buchanan
Executrix of
Archibald Buchanan
use George Buchanan
against
David Hopkins & Mary
his wife Administratrix
of Benjamin Howard

Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, the said Sarah Buchanan Executrix as aforesaid by Richard Ridgely her Attorney sued out of the General Court the writ of the State of Maryland of Scieri facias directed to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, in the words and figures following, to wit —

The State of Maryland ss. To the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County Greeting. Whereas at a Provincial Court held at the City of Annapolis on the Second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and Seventy four before William Hayward Esquire Chief Justice of the same Court and other his associates then Justices of the said Court a certain Archibald Buchanan by consideration of the same Court did then and there recover against Benjamin Howard late of Anne Arundel County Gentleman otherwise called Benjamin Howard of Baltimore County Gentleman as well the sum of Two hundred and twelve pounds Sterling money a certain Debt as also the sum of Five hundred and ninety three pounds of Tobacco which was adjudged unto the said Archibald Buchanan as well for his damages, sustained by means of detaining that Debt as for his Costs and charges by him about his suit in that behalf laid out and expended as by the record and process thereof in our said Court remaining manifestly appears, Execution thereof still remains to be done, and the said Archibald Buchanan is since deceased as by the insimuation of Sarah Buchanan Executrix of the Testament and last will of the said Archibald we have recorded — And whereas the said Benjamin Howard is also deceased as by the suggestion of the said Sarah Buchanan we have likewise recorded and we being willing that those things which in our said Court have been rightly done and transacted shaned be brought to due Execution - Commaund you that by Good and Sawfull Men of your bailiwick you make known unto David Hopkins and Mary his wife Administratrix of all and Singular the Goods and Chattels, rights and Credits which were of the said Benjamin Howard that they be and appear before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the Second Tuesday of October next to shew cause if any thing they have or knoweth to say why the said Sarah Buchanan Executrix as aforesaid her Execution of the Debt, damages and Costs of Suit aforesaid according to the form of the recovery aforesaid against them to have ought not if to them it shall seem meet, and how you shall Execute this writ that you make known unto our said Judges at the day and place aforesaid 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 Dominie 1787 —

Issued the 4th of July 1787 — (R. Ridgely) Thos B. Hodgkin Clk —

At which mentioned 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, comes into the General Court here, the aforesaid Sarah Buchanan Executrix as aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid, to wit, David Stewart Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof, to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit —

"Made known in the presence of Attorney Howard and Rich. Gambrill
David Stewart Sheriff —

And the aforesaid David Hopkins and Mary his wife Administratrix as aforesaid appears here in Court, And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Sarah Buchanan Executrix as aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid, It is ordered by the Court here, that the said David Hopkins and Mary his wife Administratrix answer to the writ of Scieri facias aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against them in default thereof And the said David Hopkins and Mary his wife Administratrix as aforesaid, defend the force and injury when and so forth, and pray leave of the Court here to Imparle untill the Second Tuesday of May next, and then to answer to the writ of Scieri facias aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, and to them it is granted, the same day is given to the Sarah Buchanan Executrix as aforesaid also —

At which said Second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, to which said day the said David Hopkins and Mary his wife Administratrix as aforesaid, had leave to Imparle, and then to answer to the writ of Scieri facias aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here, as well the aforesaid Sarah Buchanan Executrix as aforesaid as the said David Hopkins and Mary his wife Administratrix as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid; and the said David Hopkins and Mary his wife Administratrix as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and so forth, and say that the said Sarah Buchanan Executrix as aforesaid ought not to have her Execution against them for the Debt, damages, Costs and charges in the writ of Scieri facias aforesaid mentioned by virtue of the Judgment aforesaid, because they say that there is no such record of recovery against them the said David Hopkins and Mary his wife Administratrix as aforesaid of the Debt Damages and Costs aforesaid in the writ of Scieri facias aforesaid