him they owed and from him unjustly detained and so forth, and that thereof he the said sheriff should not fail at his peril and that he should have there then that writ so forth

At which said third tuesday of March being the twentieth day of the same month in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven, and the day of the return of the return of the aforegoing recited writ comes the said Frederick Little by Baker Johnson his attorney and the sheriff of Frederick County to whom the same writ was directed also comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit

Cepi, Stevenson, N.E. Little, Thos. Beatty Shff

Whereupon the said Edward Stevenson being called upon appears and at the prayer of the plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid the said Edward Stevenson is adjudged to give special Bail to the action aforesaid, thereupon the said Edward Stevenson by Richard Potts his attorney files in Court here the following Bail piece to wit,

Fredk. County St. Frederick Little Plaintiff against Edward Stevenson Defendant

You Joseph Murray do acknowledge yourself special Bail for the said Edward Stevenson in an action of Debt brought by the said Frederick Little Plaintiff against the said Edward Stevenson Defendant in Frederick County March Court he acknowledges himself to be content therewith this 20th day of March 1787.

To the Justices of Frederick County Court, Before Chas. Warfield

And the said Edward Stevenson by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court and he hath it the same day is given to the Plaintiff also,

At which said next Court to wit the third tuesday and twenty first day of August seventeen hundred and eighty seven come again the said parties plaintiff and Defendant by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court and he hath it the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

And now here at this day to wit the third tuesday and twentieth day of November seventeen hundred and eighty seven comes again as well the said Frederick Little by his attorney aforesaid as the said Edward Stevenson by his attorney aforesaid and the said Edward Stevenson by his said attorney as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and produces to the Court here the following writ of Habeas Corpus to wit

The State of Maryland Sc. To the Justices and Sheriff of Frederick County Greeting whereas a certain Edward Stevenson and Ludwick Little is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said sheriff at the suit of a certain Frederick Little 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 bodys of the said Edward Stevenson and Ludwick Little by whatsoever name they be called in the plea aforesaid together with the day and cause of their 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 May next that our said Judges being rightly informed of the truth of the

the premises may further proceed therein 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 the 9th day of October Anno Domini 1787.

Sho. B. Hodgkin Clk.

Issued the 9th day of November 1787. R. Potts,

Which being read and heard is allowed of and it is ordered by the Court that the proceedings in the action aforesaid together with all things thereunto relating be forthwith transmitted accordingly

Test William Ritchie Clk.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy of the Record and proceedings in the action aforesaid together with all things thereunto relating, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the public seal of Frederick County Court

(Seal of the Court)

Wm. Ritchie Clk

At which said second tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again here into our General Court as well the said Frederick Little by his attorney aforesaid as the said Edward Stevenson by his attorney aforesaid.

And the said Frederick Little by his attorney aforesaid declared against the said Edward Stevenson in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit,

Western Shore, State of Maryland, Frederick County to wit

Edward Stevenson late of Frederick County Yeoman otherwise called Edward Stevenson of Frederick County State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Frederick Little of a plea that he together with a certain Ludwick Little (which said Ludwick Little was by our Sheriff of Frederick County returned Non Est Inventus) render unto him the sum of one hundred and forty pounds current money which to him they owed and from him unjustly detained and so forth. And whereupon the said Frederick by Baker Johnson his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Edward on the twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five at Frederick County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Frederick in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and forty pounds in Gold and silver Currency of Pennsylvania to be paid to him the said Frederick when afterwards he should be thereunto required, and the aforesaid Frederick in fact saith that the aforesaid sum of one hundred and forty pounds in Gold and silver Currency of Pennsylvania was at the day of the date of the writing obligatory aforesaid always since hath been and still is of the value of one hundred and forty pounds current money of Maryland to wit at Frederick County aforesaid, Nevertheless the aforesaid Edward although often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of one hundred and forty pounds in Gold and silver currency of Pennsylvania or the value thereof in current money to him the said Frederick hath not rendered or paid but the same to him to render or pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of fifty pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid seal with the seal of the aforesaid Edward which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid and so forth,

B. Johnson for the Plaintiff. Pledges and so forth. { John Doe and Richard Roe

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