Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next that our said Judges being rightly informed of the truth of 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 19th day of November Anno Domini 1787.

Issued the 9th day of January 1788. Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk

The aforegoing writ being read and allowed of ordered that the Proceedings in the Action aforesaid together with the writ of Habeas Corpus be transmitted to the Honourable the Judges of the General Court.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy of the Records and proceedings of Washington County Court in the suit aforesaid

Seal of Washington County Court

I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Publick seal of the County aforesaid this eighteenth day of April Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight. Elie Williams Clk.

At which said second tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes here into our General Court as well the said Alexander Clagett by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett by their Attorney aforesaid. And the said Alexander Clagett by his Attorney aforesaid declare against the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Washington County to wit. Peter Burkett late of Washington County yeoman and Christopher Burkett late of Washington County yeoman, otherwise called Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett were summoned to answer unto Alexander Clagett in a plea that they render unto him the sum of two hundred pounds current money, which from him they unjustly detain and so forth, And whereupon the said Alexander by Baker Johnson his Attorney saith that whereas the said Peter and Christopher on the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty five at Washington County aforesaid by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Alexander in the aforesaid sum of two hundred pounds current money to be paid to him the said Alexander when afterwards they should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the said Peter and Christopher (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid two hundred pounds current money to him the said Alexander have not rendered or paid, but the same to him to render or pay they have altogether refused and still do refuse Wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the Value of one hundred and fifty pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seals of the aforesaid Peter and Christopher which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid Witnesseth whose date is the day and year aforesaid and so forth,

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

And the aforesaid Peter and Christopher by their Attorney aforesaid come and defend the force and injury when and so forth and pray an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof, and they hath them as follows to wit

Know

Know all Men by these Presents that we Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett are held and firmly bound unto Alexr. Clagett in the just and full sum of two hundred pounds current money to be paid unto the said Alexr. Clagett his certain Attorney executors administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators or assigns firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this thirteenth day of August 1785.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounded Peter Burkett or his heirs executors administrators or assigns do shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto Alexr. Clagett or his heirs executors administrators or assigns the just and full sum of one hundred pounds current money at or upon the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty six with legal Interest for the same then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue in law.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of. Peter Burkett (Seal)
John Cellar, John Teisher. } Christopher Burkett (Seal)

And the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett by their Attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and so forth, and pray leave of the Court here to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit, the second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight, comes again here into our General Court as well the said Alexander Clagett by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett by their Attorney aforesaid

And the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett by their Attorney aforesaid as before defend the force and injury when and so forth, And say that the said Alexander Clagett his action aforesaid against them to have or maintain ought not &c because they say that they the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett did pay unto the said Alexander Clagett the said sum of Money in the Condition of the said writing obligatory mentioned with legal interest thereon according to the form and effect of the Condition of the said writing obligatory and this they are ready to verify, wherefore they pray Judgment if the said Alexander Clagett his action aforesaid against them to have or maintain ought &c.

And the said Alexander Clagett saith that he by any thing by the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining his Action aforesaid against them ought not to be precluded because he saith that the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett have not paid unto him the said Alexander Clagett the said sum of Money in the Condition aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said ~~Alexander Clagett~~ Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett above by pleading have alledged, and of this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and the said Peter Burkett and Christopher Burkett in like manner and so forth,

Therefore let a Jury thereupon appear before the Judges of our General Court here on the second tuesday of May next, by whom &c and who neither &c to recognize &c because as well &c the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and there &c

And now here at this day to wit the said second tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine come again here into our

General