defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court 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 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 John Eager Howard by his Attorney aforesaid as the said John Elder Gist by his Attorney aforesaid, And the said John Elder Gist by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here 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 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 John Eager Howard by his Attorney aforesaid as the said John Elder Gist by his Attorney aforesaid, And the said John Elder Gist by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that he did not assume upon himself in such manner and form as the said John Eager Howard above against him hath declared, and of this he puts himself upon the Country and the said John Eager Howard in like manner and so forth. –

Therefore let a Jury thereon 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 said parties 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, comes again here into our General Court as well the said John Eager Howard by his Attorney aforesaid as the said John Elder Gist by his Attorney aforesaid.

Nevertheless the said John Elder Gist by his Attorney aforesaid relinquishing the avrument above by him pretended says that he cannot deny the Action aforesaid of the said John Eager Howard so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that the said John Eager Howard has sustained damage to the sum of three hundred and two pounds two shillings and five pence half penny current money, with interest thereon from the sixth day of April seventeen hundred and eighty six, by occasion of the promise and assumption aforesaid in manner and form as the said John Eager Howard above against him hath declared.

Therefore it is considered by the Judges here that the said John Eager Howard recover against the said John Elder Gist, as well the sum of three hundred and two pounds two shillings and five pence half penny current money with interest thereon from the sixth day of April seventeen hundred and eighty six, his damages aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed as also the sum of nine hundred and seventy one pounds and three fifths of a pound of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his assent adjudged for his Costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c.

Memorandum, Judgment was rendered in this cause on the first day of June anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine, and The Plaintiff agrees to stay Execution until next Court, Test John Gwinn Clk.

2a.

Augustus Sharra against John Sheaver & Francis Hammer.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the fourth day of March Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight The Defendants by Baker Johnson their Attorney sued out of our General Court here the State of Maryland a writ of Habeas Corpus and Sigeas directed to the Justices & Sheriff of Frederick County in the words following to wit

The State of Maryland Sc. To the Justices and Sheriff of Frederick County Greeting, Whereas a certain John Sheaver and Francis Hammer are detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Augustus Sharra 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 John Sheaver and Francis Hammer 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 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 4th day of March 1788. (B. Johnson) Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk

At which said second tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ The Justices and Sheriff of Frederick County to whom the said aforegoing writ was made and directed, in pursuance thereof and according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided, make return thereof to the Court here with the following Record to wit –

Maryland. Frederick County to wit, At a County Court begun and held at Frederick Town in and for the County aforesaid on the third tuesday and eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Were Present, The Worshipful.

Upton Sheredine	James Johnson	John Ross Key	Henry Darnall	Gentlemen Justices in & for the County aforesaid lawfully authorized assigned &c. &c.
William Beatty	William M'Beall	George Scott	George Murdoch	
Jacob Young	William Luckett	William Maguider	John Gwinn	

Thomas Beatty Gent. Sheriff William Ritchie Clk.

Amongst others are the following proceedings to wit

Augustus Sharra against John Sheaver and Francis Hammer.

Removal by Habeas Corpus. Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, the fifth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven, Command was given to the Sheriff of Frederick County that he should take John Sheaver late of Frederick County Blacksmith and Francis Hammer late of same County yeoman otherwise called John Sheaver of York County and province of Pennsylvania Blacksmith and Francis Hammer of Tawney Town hundred Frederick County Maryland yeoman if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them should safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the Justices of the then next County Court to be held at the Court house in Frederick Town in said County on the third tuesday of March then instant to Answer unto

Augustus