Augustus Sharra in a plea that they render to him the sum of one hundred pounds current money of Maryland which to him they owed and unjustly detained and so forth, and that thereof he the said sheriff should not fail at his peril and that he should have then and there that writ and 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 aforegoing recited writ comes the said Augustus Sharra by Richard Potts 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 thereon endorsed to wit. Cepi. Thos. Beatty Shff

Whereupon the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer being called appears and at the prayer of the Plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer are adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid, thereupon the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer by Roger Nelson their Attorney file in Court here the following Bail piece to wit

Augustus Sharra Plaintiff
against
John Shearer and Francis Hammer } Defendants

You Michael Neill do acknowledge yourself special Bail for the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer at the suit of the said Augustus Sharra in an Action of Debt brought by the said Augustus Sharra against the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer in Frederick County Court he acknowledges himself to be content therewith the 17th day of March seventeen hundred and eighty seven, Before. Inc. Guwin

To the Worshipfull the Justices of Frederick County Court

And the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer by their Attorney aforesaid defend the force and injury when and so forth and pray leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court and they have 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 Defendants by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendants by their Attorney aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court and they have it the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

At which said next Court to wit the third tuesday and twentieth day of November seventeen hundred and eighty seven come again the said parties plaintiff and Defendants by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Defendants by their Attorney aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court and they have it, the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

And now here at this day to wit the third tuesday and eighteenth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty eight, comes again as well the said Augustus Sharra by his Attorney aforesaid as the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer by their Attorney aforesaid and the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer by their said Attorney as before defend 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 John Shearer and Francis Hammer are detained in the prison of your said County under the custody of you our said sheriff at the suit of a certain Augustus Sharra in

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 bodies of the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer by whatsoever names they be called in the plea aforesaid together with the day & 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

Which being read and heard is allowed of and it is ordered by the Court that the Record & 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 Frederick County 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 here into our General Court as well the said Augustus Sharra by Richard Potts his Attorney as the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer by Baker Johnson their Attorney. And the said Augustus Sharra by his Attorney aforesaid declares against the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Western Shore of Maryland and Frederick County to wit, John Shearer late of Frederick County Blacksmith and Francis Hammer late of same County yeoman otherwise called John Shearer of York County and province of pennsylvania Blacksmith and Francis Hammer of Tawney Town hundred Frederick County Maryland yeoman were summoned to answer unto Augustus Sharra in a plea that they render to him the sum of one hundred pounds current money of Maryland which to him they owe and from him unjustly detain and so forth, and whereupon the said Augustus by Richard Potts his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid John and Francis on the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two at Frederick County aforesaid by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Augustus in the sum of one hundred pounds hard money to be paid to the said Augustus when afterwards they should be thereunto required, and the said Augustus in fact saith that the said sum of one hundred pounds hard money was on the day of the date of the writing obligatory aforesaid always since hath been and now is of the value of the aforesaid sum of one hundred pounds current money of Maryland to wit at Frederick County aforesaid, Nevertheless the said John and Francis although often afterwards thereunto required the aforesaid sum of one hundred pounds hard money or the value thereof in current money of Maryland or any part thereof or the value thereof to him the said Augustus have not contented or paid, but the same sum of hard money or the value