you have the bodys of the said John Sheaver and Francis Hammer by whatsoever names 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 Sheridine	James Johnson	John Ashley	Henry Darnall	Gentlemen Justices in & for the County aforesaid lawfully authorized & so forth.
William Beatty	William M. Beall	George Scott	George Murdock	
Jacob Young	William Duckett	William Magruder	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 therein 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 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 aforesaid 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 thus endorsed to wit Cepi Thos. Beatty Shff

Whereupon the said John Sheaver and Francis Hammer being called appear and at the prayer of the Plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid the said John Sheaver and Francis Hammer are

adjudged

adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid, thereupon the said John Sheaver & Francis Hammer by Roger Nelson their Attorney file in Court here the following Bail piece to wit

Augustus Sharra, Plaintiff against John Sheaver and Francis Hammer } Defendants

You Michael Nell do acknowledge yourself special Bail for the said John Sheaver 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 Sheaver 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 Jno. Gwinn.

To the Worshipful the Justices of Frederick County Court

And the said John Sheaver 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 & Defendants by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendants by their Attorney aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court & 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 Sheaver and Francis Hammer by their Attorney aforesaid, and the said John Sheaver and Francis Hammer by their said Attorney as before defend the force and injury when and so forth, and produce to the Court here the following writ of Habeas Corpus to wit

The State of Maryland to wit: 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 names 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 Esq. Chief Judge of our said Court the 19th day of November Anno Domini 1787.

Issued the 4th day of March 1787. (B Johnson.) Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk

Which being read and heard is allowed of and it is ordered by the Court that the Record and proceedings aforesaid together with all things thereunto relating be forthwith transmitted accordingly. Test William Ritchie Clk.

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