leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court and they have it, the same day is given to the Plaintiff. 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 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 and 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 and cause of their caption and detainer 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 Judges of our said Court the 19th day of november Anno Domini 1787.

Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk.

Issued the 4th day of March 1788. (B Johnson)

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 according

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 declare 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 yeoman and Francis Hammer late of Frederick County yeoman otherwise called John Shearer of York County and province of Pennsylvania and Francis Hammer of Tawney Town hundred Frederick County Maryland were summoned to Answer unto Augustus Sharra in a plea that they render to him the sum of one hundred pounds current money which to him they owe and 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

money to be paid to him when afterwards they should be thereunto required, And the said Augustus in fact saith that the aforesaid 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 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 any part thereof or the value thereof or any part of the value thereof in current money to him hath not contented or paid but the same sum of hard money or the value thereof in current money or any part thereof or of the value thereof to the said Augustus to content or pay the said John and Francis have hitherto altogether refused and still do refuse whereby the said Augustus saith he is injured and hath damage to the value of ninety 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 John Shearer & Francis Hammer which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Richard Potts for the Plaintiff — Pledges and so forth { John Doe and Richard Roe

Oyer of the writing Obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, and of the condition of the same thereof follow.

Know all Men by these presents that we John Shearer of York County and province of Pennsylvania and Francis Hammer of Tawney Town hundred Frederick County Maryland are held and firmly bound unto Augustus Sharra of Tawney Town hundred Frederick County Maryland in the sum of one hundred pounds hard money estimating dollars at seven shillings and six pence, half Johannas at three pounds, to be paid unto the said Augustus Sharra his heirs Ex.rs Adm.rs or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Ex.rs or adm.rs firmly by these presents sealed with our seals, dated this twentyeth day of March in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & eighty two

The Condition of this present obligation is such that if the above bounden John Shearer and Francis Hammer or any of them their heirs Ex.rs or adm.rs do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Augustus Sharra his heirs Ex.rs Adm.rs or assigns the just and full sum of fifty pounds of the like currency aforesaid also upon the first day of May in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven then this present Obligation to be void & of none effect else to stand & remain in full force and Virtue.

Signed sealed and Delivered in the presence of us — Cornelius Sullivan, Geo: Lengenfelder, Jobias Knidlin } Johannes Hofer (seal) Frank Hammer (seal)

And the said John Shearer and Francis Hammer by their Attorney aforesaid 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 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 Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and say that the said Augustus Sharra his Action aforesaid against them to have or maintain ought not ought because they say that they the said John Shearer & Francis Hammer

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