and form, as the said George Shank above in pleading hath alledged, and of this he prays may be enquired of by the Country, and the said George Shank in like manner &c.

Therefore let a Jury thereon come before the Judges of our General Court here on the second tues day of May next, by whom and &c. and who neither and &c. to recognize and &c. because as well and &c. the same day is given to the said Parties then and there and &c.

And now here on this day court, the said second tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, comes again here into our General Court as well the said Joseph Dowson by his attorney aforesaid, as the said George Shank by his attorney aforesaid. — Nevertheless the said George Shank by his attorney aforesaid, relinquishing the averment above by him pretended, and saith, that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said Joseph Shank so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owes to the said Joseph Dowson the sum of three hundred pounds current money aforesaid, in manner and form aforesaid, so as the said Joseph Dowson above against him hath declared. —

Therefore it is considered by the Judges of the Court here, that the said Joseph Dowson do recover against the said George Shank as well the sum of three hundred pounds current money his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid confessed, as also the quantity of six hundred and forty four pounds and one fifth of a pound of tobacco by the Judges of the Court here, unto the said Joseph Dowson on his assent adjudged, as well for his damages sustained by reason of the detention of that debt, as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended, And the said George Shank in mercy and &c. —

Memorandum, Judgment was rendered in this cause on the fifteenth day of May Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, for penalty, to be released on payment of principal, interest and costs, payments if any to be allowed. And the Plaintiff agrees to stay Execution until the first day of August next.

Test John Gwinn Clk.

James De Drussina
Julius Conrad Ridder
and James Clerke. —
against
Gavin Hamilton Smith.

Be it remembered, that heretofore to wit on the tenth day of January Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, — James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clerke by William Cooke their attorney sued out of our General Court here the State of Maylands writ of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Calvert County in the words and figures following to wit

The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Calvert County Greeting. We command you that you take Gavin Hamilton Smith late of Calvert county planter, if he shall be found in your Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the city of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next to answer unto James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder, and James Clerke in a plea of

of trespass upon the case and &c. Hereof fail not at your peril, 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. (W Cooke)

Issued the 10th day of January 1788. Thos. B. Hodgkin Clk.

And the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clerke by his attorney aforesaid, declare against the said Gavin Hamilton Smith in the plea aforesaid as follows to wit

Western Shore State of Maryland, Calvert County to wit, Gavin Hamilton Smith late of Calvert county planter was attached to answer unto James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder, and James Clerke in a plea of trespass upon the case and &c. — And whereupon the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clerke by William Cooke their attorney complain, that whereas the said Gavin Hamilton Smith on the thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty six at Calvert county aforesaid was indebted unto them the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clerke in the sum of sixty three pounds nine shillings and seven pence sterling money for sundry articles properly chargeable in an account as by a particular account thereof herewith into Court brought will appear and being so thereof indebted the said Gavin Hamilton Smith afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the county aforesaid in consideration thereof upon himself assumed, and to the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clerke then and there faithfully promised the aforesaid sum of sterling money to them the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder, and James Clerke, when afterwards he should be thereunto required, would well and truly content and pay, and the James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder, and James Clerke in fact say, that the aforesaid sum of sterling money at the time of making the promise and assumption aforesaid was and always since hath been and still is of the value of one hundred and five pounds fifteen shillings and eleven pence half penny current money to wit at the county aforesaid, And whereas the said Gavin Hamilton Smith afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the county aforesaid was indebted unto them the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clerke in one other sum of sixty three pounds nine shillings and seven pence sterling money for the like sum of sterling money before that time by the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder, and James Clerke at the special instance and request of the said Gavin Hamilton Smith, and to his use there laid out expended and paid and being so thereof indebted the said Gavin Hamilton Smith afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at the county aforesaid in Consideration thereof upon himself assumed, and to the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clerke then and there faithfully promised that he the said Gavin Hamilton Smith the last aforesaid sum of sterling money to them the said James De Drussina, Julius Conrad Ridder, and James Clerke when afterwards he should be thereunto required would well and truly content and pay, And the aforesaid James De Drussina Julius Conrad Ridder and James Clerke in fact say, that the last aforesaid sum of sterling money at the time of making the promise and assumption last mentioned was and always since hath been and still is of the value of one other sum of one hundred and five pounds fifteen shillings and eleven pence half penny current money to wit at the county