John Worthington Vothers Admors Charles Worthington use of Samuel Worthington
against
Thomas Gafsaway.

Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit On the thirteenth day of August seventeen hundred and eighty eight the Defendant by William Pinkney his Attorney sued out of our General Court here the State of Maryland Writ of Habeas Corpus directed to the Justices and Sheriff of Ann Arundel County in the Words and figures following to wit.

The State of Maryland Sc. To the Justices and Sheriff of Ann Arundel County Greeting Whereas Thomas Gafsaway late of Ann Arundel County is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain John Worthington Samuel Worthington and Thomas Worthington Administrators of Charles Worthington 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 body of the said Thomas Gafsaway by whatsoever he may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the day and cause of his 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 October 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 hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ and so forth. Witness Robert Harison Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of June Anno Domini 1788.

Issued the 13th day of August 1788 {W. Pinkney} John Gwinn Clk.

At which said second tuesday of October being the fourteenth 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 Ann Arundel County to whom the same was made and directed in pursuance thereof make return to the Judges of our General Court here with the following Record to wit

Ann Arundel County Sc. At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for the County aforesaid on the second tuesday of August being the 14th day of the same Month Anno Domini 1787.

Were present

The Worshipful	Nicholas Worthington Allen Quynn John Brice Elijah Robeson	Robert Bowden Richard Harwood and James Disney	Gent. Justices

David Stewart Gent. Sheriff Nich. Harwood Clk.

John Worthington Samuel Worthington and Thomas Worthington Admors of Charles Worthington
against
Thomas Gafsaway.

Ann Arundel County Sc. Command was given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he should take Thomas Gafsaway late of Ann Arundel County planter if he should be found in his bailwick and that him he should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second tuesday of August then next to answer unto John Worthington Samuel Worthington and Thomas Worthington Administrators of all and singular the Goods and Chattles rights and Credits which were of Charles Worthington late of Ann Arundel County deceased of a plea that he render unto the sum of One hundred and seventy five pounds Current Money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth.

At which said second tuesday of August to wit the day of the same Month in the Year seventeen hundred and eighty seven being the day of the return of the same Writ comes the said John Samuel and Thomas Worthington Admors as aforesaid by Henry Ridgely their Attorney and the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whom the aforegoing Writ was directed comes and makes return thereof thus endorsed Cepi David Stewart Sheriff

And the said Thomas Gafsaway by William Pinkney his Attorney at the prayer of the said John Samuel and Thomas Worthington Administrators as aforesaid by Henry Ridgely his Attorney John Beale Howard of Ann Arundel County planter being also present here into Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Thomas Gafsaway that in case the said John Samuel and Thomas Worthington Administrators as aforesaid shall recover Judgment against the said Thomas Gafsaway in the Action aforesaid or that he the said Thomas Gafsaway shall be thereof convict that then the said Thomas Gafsaway shall pay to the said John Samuel and Thomas Worthington Administrators as aforesaid the Condemnation of the Court thereupon arrender his body into the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County in satisfaction thereof or that he the said John Beale Howard will do it for him.

And the said Thomas Gafsaway by William Pinkney his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the plaintiffs also.

At which said next Court to wit the second tuesday in November seventeen hundred and eighty seven comes again the said parties plaintiff and Defendant by their Attornies aforesaid and the said defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also.