of March then next to answer unto Robert Davison in a plea that they render unto him the sum of sixty one pounds seven shillings and six pence in gold or silver of the value of sixty one pounds seven shillings and six pence Current money of Maryland which from him they unjustly detain and so forth and thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail and so forth and that he should have then and there that writ and so forth.
At which said fourth Tuesday of March being the day of the return of the aforesaid writ come the said Robert Davidson by Elijah Gaither his attorney and the Sheriff to whom the same was directed also come and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed

Ccpw. Adam Ott Shff.

And the said Christian and Abraham being called appears by Samuel Price their attorney and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.
And the parties imparle from Court to Court until the fourth Tuesday of January 1789.
At which day appear again the parties Plaintiff and Defendants, and the said Christian and Abraham by Samuel Price their attorney aforesaid produceth to the Court here a writ of Habeas Corpus in the words & following, to wit:
The State of Maryland Ss. To the Justices and Sheriff of Washington County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Christian and Abraham Leighter is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Robert Davidson of a plea of debt and so forth which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined, 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, therefore we command you that you have the bodys of the said Christian and Abraham Leighter by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the plea aforesaid & together with the cause of their caption and detention and all things

things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of may next that the Judges of our said General Court 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. Witness the honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 18th day of November Anno Domini 1788. Issued the 1st day of December Anno Domini 1788.

R Potts. Jno Gwinn Clk.

Which writ of Habeas Corpus being read and allowed, It is ordered by the Court here that the proceedings in the Action aforesaid, together with the writ of Habeas Corpus be transmitted to the Honourable the Judges of the General Court.
In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy of the records and proceedings of Washington County Court in the suit aforesaid I have hereto set my hand and affixed the public seal of the County aforesaid this twenty fourth day of april Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty nine. (Seal)

Elie Williams Cl.

And now comes into the General Court here, as well the said Robert Davidson by Baker Johnson his attorney as the said Christian and Abraham Leigher by Richard Potts his attorney aforesaid, and the said Robert Davidson by his said attorney declares against the said Christian and Abraham Leighter in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit;
Washington County, to wit, Christian Leighter late of Washington County farmer & Abraham Leighter late of Washington County Tavern keeper otherwise called Christian Lyter & Abraham Lyter in Washington County State of Maryland were summoned to answer unto Robert Davidson in a plea that they render unto him the sum of sixty One pounds seven shillings and six pence in gold or silver of the value of sixty one pounds seven shillings and six pence Current Money of Maryland which from him they unjustly detain and so forth. And whereupon the said Robert by Baker Johnson his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Christian and Abraham

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