be adjudged of his lands and chattels shall be made to and for the use of the said Edward Pannell to be levied if it shall happen that the said John Mercer Porter the debt damages costs and charges aforesaid to the said Edward Pannell shall not pay or his body to the prison and custody of the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid on that occasion render. And the said John Mercer Porter by his said Attorney defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to Imparle here until the first day of September next and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Edward Pannell and so forth.

At which said first day of September cometh again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said John Mercer Porter by his said attorney prays further leave to Imparle here until the first day of April next, and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Edward Pannell and so forth

And now here at this day to wit the said first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety cometh again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the said John Mercer Porter by his said attorney produces to the Court now here the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus closed in the words and figures following to wit. The State of Maryland &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting. Whereas a certain John Mercer Porter is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Edward Pannell 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 body of the said John Mercer Porter by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the cause of his caption and detention and all 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 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. Thereof 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 this 17th day of November Anno Domini 1789. Issued the 25th day of March Anno Domini 1790 (D. McMecken)

John Gwinn clk

Whereupon the proceedings aforesaid are ordered to be transmitted accordingly

(Seal of Baltimore County Court) In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office this twenty second day of April ~ ~ seventeen hundred and ninety.

William Gibson clk. B. Coll.

At which said second tuesday of May being the eleventh day of the same month anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety comes into our General Court here as well the aforesaid Edward Pannell by Archibald Robinson his attorney as the aforesaid John Mercer Porter by David McMecken his attorney aforesaid. And the said John Mercer Porter by David McMecken his attorney aforesaid 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

At which said next Court to wit the twelfth day of October anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety comes again as well the aforesaid Edward Pannell by his attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid John Mercer Porter by his attorney aforesaid. And the aforesaid John Mercer Porter by David McMecken his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth. and craves oyer of the Bill obligatory aforesaid and the condition thereof and it is read to him, which being read and heard the said John saith that he the said Edward his action thereupon against him to have or maintain ought not because he says that he the said John paid to the said Edward the sum of sixty two pounds three shillings current money in the said Bill obligatory mentioned according to the force, form and effect of the said Bill obligatory, and this he is ready to verify. wherefore he prayeth Judgment if the said Edward his action thereupon against him to have or maintain ought and so forth. And the aforesaid Edward Pannell saith that he by any by the said John Mercer Porter above by pleading alledged from having and maintaining his action aforesaid against him to be precluded ought not because he says that the said John did not pay to him the said Edward the sum of sixty two pounds three shillings current money in the said Bill obligatory mentioned according to the force form and effect of the said Bill obligatory in such manner and form as the said John Mercer Porter above by pleading hath alledged, and of this he prays may be

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