John Archer
William Smithson
Ignatius Wheeler

James McComas
John Ramsey
John Barclay
Gentlemen .....

Edward Hall
Dennis Bond
Bennett Bussey
Justices.

William Osborn Gent. Sheriff ..... John Lee Gibson Cl.

Among other things is contained as follows to wit.

Edmond Stansbury
vs
Benjamin Amos

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety eight, the then Sheriff of Harford County was commanded that he should take Benjamin Amos late of Harford County yeoman otherwise called Benjamin Amos of Harford County and State of Maryland if he should be found in his bailiwick and him so taken safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of Harford County Court to be held at the Court house in the same County on the fourth Tuesday in November then next then and there to answer unto Edmond Stansbury of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and twenty three pounds seven shillings current Money of Maryland which from him he unjustly detains and so forth. And now at this day to wit, the same fourth Tuesday in November it being the fourth Tuesday in November seventeen hundred and eighty eight cometh here the aforesaid Edmond Stansbury by Aquilla Hall his attorney And now here likewise cometh the Sheriff of Harford County aforesaid to whom the same writ was directed to wit William Osborn Gentleman and maketh return that he hath taken the body of the same Benjamin Amos and hath him here ready at the Court house aforesaid to answer unto the said Edmund Stansbury of the plea aforesaid he was commanded.

And now here also cometh the said Benjamin by Francis Bartis his attorney, and on the prayer of the said Edmond Stansbury by his attorney aforesaid It was ruled by the Court here that the said Benjamin Amos give special bail to the Action aforesaid, And thereupon Edward Parker of Harford County aforesaid cometh here into Court in his proper person and doth undertake and became pledge and bail for the aforesaid Benjamin Amos that if it should happen that the said Benjamin Amos shall be convicted then the same Edmond Parker doth grant that all such damages costs and charges which to the aforesaid Edmund Stansbury shall be adjudged of his goods and chattels Lands and Tenements to be made to and for the use of the said

Edmund



Edmond Stansbury to be levied if it shall happen that the same Benjamin Amos the damages costs and charges aforesaid to the said Edmund Stansbury shall not pay or himself to the prison and custody of the Sheriff of Harford County on that occasion render..... And the said Benjamin Amos by his attorney aforesaid prayeth leave to imparle here until the fourth Tuesday in August then next and he hath it, and the same day is given to the said Edmond Stansbury and so forth.

At which said fourth Tuesday in August cometh again the parties aforesaid by their attornies and the said Benjamin Amos by his attorney aforesaid prayeth further leave to Imparle here until the fourth Tuesday in November then next, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the said Edmond Stansbury and so forth.

At which said fourth Tuesday in November cometh again the parties aforesaid by their said attornies and the said Benjamin Amos by his attorney aforesaid prayeth further leave to Imparle here until the fourth Tuesday March then next and he hath it, and the same day is given to the said Edmond Stansbury and so forth.

At which said fourth Tuesday in March it being the fourth Tuesday in March seventeen hundred and eighty nine cometh again the parties aforesaid by their said attornies.

And the said Benjamin Amos by his attorney aforesaid prayeth further leave to Imparle here until the fourth Tuesday in August then next and he hath it; and the same day is given to the said Edmond Stansbury and so forth.

At which said second Tuesday in August cometh again here the parties aforesaid by their said attornies and the said Benjamin Amos by his attorney aforesaid prayeth further leave to imparle here until the fourth Tuesday in November then next, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the said Edmond Stansbury and so forth.

At which said fourth Tuesday in November it being the fourth Tuesday in November seventeen hundred and eighty nine cometh again the parties aforesaid by their said attornies And the said Benjamin Amos by Francis Bartis his attorney aforesaid produces to the Court here a Writ of Habeas Corpus which being allowed is contained as follows to wit.

The State of Maryland set. To the Justices and Sheriff of Harford County Greeting. Whereas a certain Benjamin Amos is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Edmond Stansbury of a plea of debt and so forth; which said plea as it 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

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