Negro Tom who says he belongs to John Somervell of St. Marys County, The owner is desired to take him away and pay charges.

Henry Hunt Sheriff

To the said second and second exception was annexed a warrant of commitment of the form following to wit—

To the Sheriff of Calvert County or his deputy.

Send you herewithal the body of Negro Tom the property of Mr John Somervell of Saint Marys County (as the said Negro informs me) brought before me this day, (on suspicion of his being runaway by Mr Israel Spencer you will therefore receive the said negro Tom into your Custody in our County Goal and him safely keep till be delivered thence by the order of law given under my hand this 1st day of May 1784—

Levin Machall—

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven come into the General Court here as well the aforesaid John Somerville administrator as aforesaid by Luther Martin his Attorney as the said Henry Hunt by William Pinkney his Attorney aforesaid Whereupon for that the Court here are not advised to give their Judgment of and upon the premises aforesaid day thereof is given to the said parties to hear thereof their Judgment until the second Tuesday of May next, for that the Court here are not and so forth—

At which said second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Eight come into the General Court here as well the aforesaid John Somerville administrator as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Henry Hunt by his Attorney aforesaid and thereupon on motion of the said Henry Hunt by his Attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here, that the said John Somerville assign the errors in the record and proceedings of the Judgment aforesaid until the second Tuesday in next Court or judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default thereof, and the said John Somerville by his Attorney aforesaid pray a day in Court here until the said second Tuesday in next Court to assign the errors, in the record and proceedings of the judgment aforesaid and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Henry



Henry Hunt and so forth.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Eight, come into the General Court, as well the aforesaid John Somerville by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Henry Hunt by his Attorney aforesaid

And the said John Somerville by his Attorney aforesaid saith that in the record and process aforesaid and likewise in the rendering of Judgment aforesaid there is manifest error in this to wit, that by the record and process it does appear that the Judgment aforesaid rendered was given for the defendant Henry Hunt against the said John Somerville whereas by the law of the land that Judgment ought to have been given for the said John Somerville against the said Henry Hunt Therefore in that it manifestly erred and prayed that the Judgment aforesaid for those errors and others in the record and process aforesaid being may be revoked annulled and utterly for nothing had; and that the aforesaid John Somerville to all things which by occasion of the Judgment aforesaid he hath lost; may be restored and that the said Henry Hunt may rejoin to the said errors and so forth.

And the said Henry Hunt saith that there is no error in the record and proceedings aforesaid, or in the rendition of the Judgment aforesaid, and prays likewise that the Court here may proceed to the examination as of the record and proceedings aforesaid, as of the matters aforesaid by the said John Somerville above for errors assigned, and that the Judgment aforesaid may be in all things affirmed and so forth—

Whereupon for that the Court here are not advised to give their Judgment of and upon the premises aforesaid, day thereof is given to the said parties to hear thereof their Judgment until the second Tuesday of October next, for that the Court here are not and so forth.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine comes into the General Court here the said John Somerville by his said Attorney and the said Henry Hunt doth not come; And the said John Somerville suggests to the Court here, that since the last continuance of the plea aforesaid that is to say; the second Tuesday of October last past and before this time, that is to say on the fourteenth day of October last