Justice done to the said Joseph Ramsey Hodges in this behalf command you that if Judgment be thereof rendered that then the record and process aforesaid with all things thereunto relating under your seals distinctly and openly you send and this Writ so that the same may be had before the Judges of our General Court at Annapolis the second Tuesday in May next that the Record and process aforesaid being inspected into we may further do therein for the correcting that Error which of right and according to the Laws and customs of this State may be done Witness the Honorable Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire Chancellor this 13th day of October anno Domini 1791.

Samuel Harvey Howard, Reg, Cur. Can.

At which mentioned Term, to wit the second tuesday of May being the eighth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety two and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ of Error the Worshipfull Chief Justice and associate Justices of Prince Georges County Court aforesaid to whom the said aforegoing Writ was made and directed in pursuance of the same Writ and according to the form and effect of the act of assembly in such cases made and provided, make return thereof to the Court here with the following Record, to wit.

Prince Georges County, to wit, Anno Domini 1791.

At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held for the County aforesaid at Upper Marlborough Town in said County on the first Monday and fourth day of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety one according to an act of assembly entitled "An Act for the better administration of Justice in the several Counties of this State;"

Present

Michael Jenifer Stone Esquire Chief Justice

David Crawford and Waller Bowie } Esquire's Associate Justices

Edward Lloyd Wailes Esquire Sheriff. John Read Magruder Clerk.

In the Record and proceedings of the same Court among others is the following to wit.

W. & D. Richard Wootton Exor of Singleton Wootton against G. D. Joseph Ramsey Hodges } Prince Georges County, to wit. Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit. on the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety Command was given the Sheriff of Prince Georges County, that he should take Joseph Ramsey Hodges late of prince Georges County planter otherwise called Joseph Ramsey Hodges of Prince Georges County if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him should safely keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Upper Marlborough Town in said County, on the Monday before the fourth Tuesday in

in June then instant to answer unto Richard Wootton Executor of the last Will and Testament of Singleton Wootton late of Prince Georges County deceased of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of one hundred and four pounds nine shillings and eight pence current money which from him he unjustly detains and soforth. And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and that he should have then and there that Writ &c.

And the said Richard Wootton Executor of Singleton Wootton by William Hammond Dorsey his attorney declared against the said Joseph Ramsey Hodges in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit.

Prince Georges County, to wit, Joseph Ramsey Hodges late of Prince Georges County planter otherwise called Joseph Ramsey Hodges of Prince Georges County was summoned to answer unto Richard Wootton Executor of the last will and Testament of Singleton Wootton late of Prince Georges County deceased of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of one hundred and four pounds nine shillings and eight pence current money which from him he unjustly detains and Soforth. And Whereupon the said Richard Wootton by William H. Dorsey his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Joseph R. on the seventeenth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and eighty six at Prince Georges County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory which the said Richard Wootton brings here into Court sealed with the seal of the said Joseph R. the date of which is the day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Singleton Wootton in his lifetime in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and four pounds nine shillings and eight pence current money to be paid unto the said Singleton Wootton when afterwards he should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph R. although often thereunto required, the aforesaid sum of money or any part thereof to him the said Singleton in his lifetime nor to the said Richard Wootton Executor aforesaid since the death of the said Singleton hath not rendered or paid but the same to them to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said Richard Wootton saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of seventy five pounds current money aforesaid, and therefore he brings suit and Soforth.

Wm H. Dorsey for Plff. Pledges & Soforth } John Doe and Richard Roe

And the aforesaid Joseph R by his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and Soforth and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and the Conditions thereof and he hath them as follows to wit.

State of Maryland. Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Ramsey Hodge of Prince Georges County am held and firmly