Whereas a certain Andrew Adams is detained in the prison of our said County, under the custody of you, our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Otho H. Williams of a plea of debt and soforth, 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 Andrew Adams 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 may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains, and Soforth. Hereof fail not at your Peril, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honourable Samuel Chase Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, the 14th day of February Anno Dominii 1792.

Issued the 24th day of February Anno Dominii 1792. Test. Jos. Gwinn Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the eighth of the said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety Two, and the return day of the foregoing writ, the Chief Justice and associate Justices of Frederick County Court, and the Sheriff of the said County, in obedience to the command contained in the said writ, to wit, the said Sheriff now here hath the body of the said Andrew Adams and the said Chief Justice and associate Justices certify and transmit to the Court here, a record of the proceedings before the said County Court had, containing the cause of the caption and detention of the said Andrew Adams in the plea aforesaid, and all things thereunto relating, and which said record of proceedings is in form following, to wit, Maryland Frederick County, to wit, At a County Court begun and held at the Court house in Frederick Town in and for said County on the fourth Monday and twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two —

Present

The Honourable Richard Potts Esquire Chief Justice and John Ross Key Esquire associate Justice in and for the County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn.

Tobias Butler Sheriff William Ritchie Clk.

are the following proceedings, to wit.

Otho Holland Williams against Andrew Adams — } Removal by Habeas Corpus —

Be it remembered that heretofore to

to wit, the eighth day of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one, command was given to the Sheriff of Frederick County that he should take Andrew Adams late of Frederick County farmer otherwise called Andrew Adams if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he have his body before the Justices of the next County Court to be held at the Court house in Frederick Town in and for said County on the third Monday of November then next to answer unto Otho Holland Williams in a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and forty two pounds ten shillings current money which to him he owed and from him unjustly detained and Soforth, and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his Peril and that he should have there then that Writ and soforth.

At which said third Monday of November being the twenty first day of the same month seventeen hundred and ninety one, and the day of the return of the aforegoing recited writ comes the said Otho Holland Williams by John Thomson Mason his attorney and the Sheriff of Frederick County to whom the same writ was directed also comes and makes return thereof to the Court thus endorsed, to wit, "Exp. P. Manly Shff." and the said Otho Holland Williams declares against the said Andrew Adams in the plea aforesaid as follows, to wit, Frederick County, to wit. Andrew Adams late of Frederick County farmer otherwise called Andrew Adams was summoned to answer unto Otho Holland Williams in a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and forty two Pounds current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and soforth and Whereupon the said Otho Holland Williams by John Thompson Mason his attorney says that whereas the said Andrew Adams on the twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety at the County aforesaid acknowledged himself to be bound unto the said Otho Holland Williams in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and forty two pounds ten shillings current money to be paid to the said Otho Holland Williams his heirs or assigns on or before the twenty second day of September next ensuing the date of the said Bill Nevertheless the said Andrew Adams although often required hath not paid the said sum of one hundred and forty two pounds ten shillings current money to the said Otho Holland Williams but hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to pay the same wherefore the said Otho Holland Williams says he is the worse and has damage to the value of one hundred and Eighty Pounds current money of the State