and year aforesaid did promise and oblige himself to pay the said John his heirs (viz the aforesaid sum of forty five Pounds current money) two months after the date of the said writing. Nevertheless the said Daniel (at his thereunto required, to wit, two months after the date of the writing aforesaid and often afterwards at the County aforesaid) hath not yet paid the said sum of money to the said John but to pay the same hath hitherto refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said John saith he is injured and hath damage to the value of one hundred Pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit and soforth. — Pledges John Doe and Richard Roe

Whereupon the said Daniel Hook being called appears and at the prayer of the Plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid the said Daniel Hook is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid Thereupon Samuel Skinner Thomas of Frederick County farmer present in Court doth undertake and become pledge and bail for the said Daniel Hook if it shall happen that the said Daniel Hook in the plea aforesaid shall be convicted then the same Samuel Skinner Thomas Doth grant as well the debt aforesaid as all such damages, costs and charges which to the aforesaid John Thomas in that part shall be adjudged of his Lands and chattels to be made and to and for the use of the said John to be levied if the said Daniel Hook the Debt and Damages costs and charges aforesaid to the said John Thomas shall not pay and satisfy or himself to the prison and custody of the Sheriff of Frederick County on that occasion render. and the said Daniel Hook by John Thompson Mason his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and soforth. and prays leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court and he hath it. the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

And now here at this day to wit, the fourth Monday and twenty sixth day of March seventeen hundred and ninety two comes here again as well the said John Thomas by his attorney aforesaid as the said Daniel Hook by his attorney aforesaid and the said Daniel Hook by his said attorney (as before) defends the force and injury when and soforth and produces to the Court the following writ of Habeas Corpus, to wit.

The State of Maryland, ss. To the Justices and Sheriff of Frederick County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Daniel Hook is detained in the prison of our said County, under the custody of you, our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain John Thomas of a plea

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 Daniel Hook 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 honorable Samuel Chase, Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, the 14th day of February anno Domini 1792. (S.D.)

Issued the 24th day of March anno Domini 1792. Jno. Gwinn Clk.

which being read and heard is allowed and it is ordered by the Court that the record of the proceedings in the action aforesaid be transmitted accordingly. — Test William Ritchie Clerk.

(Seal of Frederick County Court)

In Testimony that the foregoing is a true copy of the Record and proceedings in the action aforesaid I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Public seal of said Court.

William Ritchie Clerk.

And now comes into the General Court here, as well the said John Thomas by Roger Nelson and Arthur Shaaff his attornies, as the said Daniel Hook by John Thomson Mason and Joshua Dorsey his attornies. and the said John Thomas by his attornies aforesaid files in Court here the Bill obligatory mentioned in declaration aforesaid, in manner and form, and of the tenor following to wit; Two months after the date I promise to pay John Thomas his heirs &c. Forty five Pounds specie for value recd. As Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of April 1791.

Test. Nicholas Madena
Jno. Baltzer Junr.

Daniel Hook (Seal)

And thereupon, on motion of the said John Thomas by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Daniel Hook answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said John Thomas in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof: and the said Daniel Hook by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury, when, and soforth, and prays leave of the Court