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in the year of our Lord 1793. (W.m Dorsey) B. Beall Clk.

At which said second monday of March, to wit, being the fourteenth day of the same month one thousand seven hundred and ninety one and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes the said William Booke by William H. Dorsey his attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Montgomery bounty to whom the same writ was directed also comes and makes return thereof to the court here thus endorsed, to wit, Execd Benj.a W.m Jones Shff. And the said Alexander Whittaker being called upon appears and at the prayer of the plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid the said Alexander Whittaker is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid thereupon a certain Richard Lyles of the bounty aforesaid present here in Court undertake and becomes pledge and manucaptor for the said Alexander Whittaker is adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid thereupon a certain Richard Lyles of the bounty aforesaid presents here in Court undertakes and becomes pledge and manucaptor for the said Alexander Whittaker that in case the said William Booke shall recover Judgment against the said Alexander Whittaker in the plea aforesaid or that he the said Alexander Whittaker shall be therein legally convict that then the said Alexander Whittaker shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereupon or render himself to the custody of the Sheriff of the bounty aforesaid in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Richard Lyles will do the same for him and the said Alexander Whittaker by William Wallace his attorney) prays leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it the same day is given to the plaintiff also.

At which said next Court, to wit, the first Monday of November seventeen hundred and ninety one comes again the said parties plaintiff and defendant by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Alexander Whittaker by his attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it the same day is given to the plaintiff also.

At which said next Court, to wit the second Monday of March seventeen hundred and ninety two, comes again as well the said parties plaintiff and defendant by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Alexander Whittaker by his attorney aforesaid produceth to the Court here a writ of Habeas Corpus in the following words and figures, to wit,

The State of Maryland, sct. To the Justices and Sheriff of Montgomery bounty. Greeting. Whereas a certain Alexander Whittaker is detained in the prison of our said bounty under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain William Booke

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Booke of a plea of Debt and soforth. which said plea as it is said state 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 Alexander Whittaker 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 relating) before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of may next, that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed 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 11th day of February Anno Domini 1793. (W. Wallace)

Issued the 16th day of March Anno Domini 1793. Jn.o Gwinn Clk.

Which said writ of Habeas Corpus is by the court here received and allowed. Test. Brooke Beall Clk.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true State of the proceedings of the action William Booke against Alexander Whittaker I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office this 3. day of May 1793.

(Seal of Montgomery County Court)

Brooke Beall Clk
of Montgomery bounty Court.

And now comes into the General Court here, as well the said William Booke by William H. Dorsey his attorney, as the said Alexander Whitaker by William Wallace his attorney aforesaid: and the said William Booke by his attorney aforesaid declares in Court here against the said Alexander Whitaker in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following. to wit,

Montgomery bounty set Alexander Whitaker late of Montgomery bounty planter otherwise called Alexander Whitaker of Montgomery bounty was summoned to answer unto William Booke of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and thirty four pounds four shillings and six pence current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains and soforth. And whereupon the said William Booke by William H. Dorsey his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Alexander on the thirtieth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at Montgomery bounty aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory under the name of the said Alexander Whitaker and of one Robert Whitaker late of Prince Georges bounty who died before the impetration of the original writ in this cause, to wit on the twenty eighth day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety at Prince Georges