City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety nine Thomas How Ridgate did recover Judgment against a certain Henry Maddocke late of Charles County planter; otherwise called Henry Maddox of Charles County planter, as were the sum of two hundred and thirty pounds current money a certain Debt, as also the quantity of four hundred and seventy one pounds of Tobacco, which by consideration of the same Court was then and there adjudged unto the said Thomas How Ridgate for his damages sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in that behalf laid out and expended, as by the Record and process thereof in our said Court remaining manifestly appears: And whereas the said Thomas How Ridgate is since death as by the insinuation of Elizabeth Ridgate administratrix of all and singular the goods and Chattels, rights and Credits which were of the said Thomas How Ridgate at the time of his death, we have received: And whereas the said Henry Maddox hath not paid the condemnation of the Court here in the plea aforesaid to the aforesaid Thomas How Ridgate, nor rendered his body to the Sheriff of Charles County in satisfaction thereof as by the insinuation of the said Elizabeth Ridgate we have also received: and because we will that those things which in our said Court are rightly done and transacted should be brought to a due Execution. We therefore command you that by good and lawful men of your bailiwick, you make known unto the said Henry Maddocke that he be and appear before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of May next, to shew cause if any he hath or knoweth, why the said Elizabeth Ridgate administratrix, as aforesaid Execution of the Debt, Damages and Costs aforesaid against him the said Henry Maddocke according to the recovery aforesaid to have ought not, if to him it shall meet; and have you then and there the names of those by whom you shall make the same known unto him, and this Writ. Witness the honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the nineteenth day of November Anno domini 1792.

Issued the 14th day of March 1793. /Wm. P./ John Gorman, Clk.

At which mentioned second Tuesday in May being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and ninety three and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here the aforesaid Elizabeth Administrator aforesaid by her Attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Charles County to wit James Simms Gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was,

was in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus indorsed, to wit;

Made known on the 4th day of May 1793 before John Hanson (of William) & William Latimer two Good and Lawful men of my bailiwick, James Simms Shff.

And the said Henry Maddocke by John Campbell and Philip Key his Attornies appears in Court here, and thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Elizabeth Administratrix aforesaid by her Attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the aforesaid Henry answer to the declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Elizabeth administratrix aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof; and the said Henry by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next, and then to answer unto the writ aforesaid of the aforesaid Elizabeth Administratrix aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted the same day is given to the aforesaid Elizabeth Administratrix aforesaid also.

At which said second Tuesday in October being the eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety three to which said day the said Henry had leave to imparle and then to answer unto the writ aforesaid of the aforesaid Elizabeth administratrix aforesaid in the plea aforesaid; comes into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Elizabeth administrator aforesaid by her Attorney aforesaid, as the aforesaid Henry by his Attornies aforesaid; and the said Henry by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that the aforesaid Elizabeth Administratrix aforesaid her action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not, because he saith that he the said Henry did pay unto the aforesaid Elizabeth Administratrix aforesaid the said Debt and Damages in the writ of Scirefacias aforesaid mentioned, according to the form and effect of the said writ of Scirefacias and this he is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid Elizabeth her action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain ought and so forth.

And the aforesaid Elizabeth administrator aforesaid by her Attorney aforesaid saith that she by any thing by the said Henry above in pleading alledged from having or maintaining her action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded, because she saith that the said Henry did not pay unto her the aforesaid Elizabeth Administratrix aforesaid the aforesaid Debt and Damages aforesaid in the writ of Scirefacias mentioned in such manner and form as the aforesaid Henry above by pleading hath alledged, and this she prays may be enquired,