Among other were the following proceedings Viz.

James Barry adm. of Thomas Hadfield vs. William Belton — Be it remembered that heretofore on the seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & ninety four The State of Maryland writ of Habeas Corpus issued to the sheriff of Baltimore county in the words & figures following Viz.

The State of Maryland To the sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting We Command you that you take William Belton late of Baltimore county if he shall be found in your bailiwick and that him so taken you safe keep so that you have his body before the Justices of Baltimore County court at the Courthouse in the same county on the fourth monday in August Instant to answer unto James Barry administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights & credits of Thomas Hadfield late of Baltimore County deceased of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then there this writ Witness Joshua Seney Gentleman chief Justice of our said Court the second day of april in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred & ninety four.

Issued the 7th day of August 1794. Test. Wm. Gibson Clk.

At which said fourth monday in august in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & ninety four Cometh the said James Barry by Luther Martin his attorney. and now here also cometh the sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the aforesaid writ was directed to wit Robert Gorsuch Gentleman who maketh return thereof to the court here thus endorsed — capi Rob. Gorsuch Shff. And now here also cometh the said William Belton by Archibald Robinson his attorney and a certain Joseph Sterrett now here also cometh into court in his proper person and undertakes & becomes pledge and bail for the said William Belton that if it shall happen that the said William Belton at the suit of the said James Barry in the plea aforesaid shall be convicted then the said Joseph Sterrett doth grant that all such damages Costs and charges which to the said James Barry in this part shall be adjudged of his Lands & chattels shall be made to and for the use of the said James Barry to be levied if it shall happen that the said William Belton the Damages Costs and charges aforesaid to the said James Barry shall not pay or his body to the prison and Custody of the sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid on that Occasion render - and the said William Belton by his said attorney defends the (the)

force and injury when and so forth and prays leave to imparle here until the fourth monday in march next and he hath it and the same day is given to the said James Barry and so forth. at which said fourth monday in march cometh again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the said William Belton by his said attorney prays further leave to imparle here until the fourth Monday in August next, and he hath it & the same day is given to the said James Barry and so forth. and now here at this day to wit the fourth Monday in august in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & ninety five cometh again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and thereupon the said James Barry by Luther Martin his attorney complains that whereas the said William Belton on the twenty third day of april in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & ninety one at the county of Baltimore aforesaid made his certain note in writing called a promissory note with the proper hand and name of him the said William Belton thereto subscribed bearing date the day and year aforesaid and then and there delivered the said note unto the said Thomas Hadfield by which said note the said William Belton six months after date promised to pay to the said Thomas Hadfield or order one hundred and thirty two pounds and six pence currency value received by reason of which said promises and also by force of the statute in such case made & provided the said William Belton became liable to pay to the said Thomas Hadfield the said sum of one hundred & thirty two pounds and six pence current money aforesaid at the time in the said note for that purpose limited and appointed and being so chargeable the said William afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid assumed upon himself and to the said Thomas then and there faithfully promised that he the said William the aforesaid one hundred & thirty two pounds & six pence contained in the note aforesaid to the said Thomas according to the Tenor and effect of the same note would well and faithfully pay and content Nevertheless the said William in no wise regarding his promise and assumption aforesaid in form aforesaid made the sum of money aforesaid or any part thereof to the said Thomas in his lifetime or to the said James since the death of the said Thomas hath not paid but the said sum of money to the said Thomas in his lifetime and to the said James since the death of the said Thomas hath hitherto altogether refused and to the said James still doth refuse to pay to the Damage of the said James two Hundred pounds (Current)