James Edwards and Jacob Stansbury against John Colegate

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six John Colegate by Thomas B Randall his attorney sued out of the General Court the Writ of the State of Maryland of Habeas Corpus directed to the Justices and Sheriff of Baltimore County in manner and form following to wit, The State of Maryland to the Justices and Sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting Whereas a Certain John Colegate late of Baltimore County detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the Suit of a Certain James Edwards & Jacob Stansbury of a plea of Debt and forth, 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 John Colegate 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 October next, that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth, Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ, Witness the honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 25th day of June anno Domini 1796. Issued the 9th day of August Anno Domini 1796. (T.B.R.) John Lynn Clk

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes here into the General Court the said John Colegate by Thomas B Randall his attorney aforesaid and the Justices and Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the said writ was directed, in compliance thereof and according to the force form and effect of the act of Assembly in such Case made and provided, likewise comes and makes

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return thereof to the Court with the following record to wit. Baltimore County, to wit, At a County Court of the State of Maryland held at the Court house in Baltimore Town in and for the County aforesaid the fourth Monday in August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

Present

Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Justice
William Owings Associate Justice
Henry Stevenson Esquire Sheriff. William Gibson Clk.

Among other were the following proceedings Viz.

James Edwards and Jacob Stansbury vs John Colegate.

Be it remembered that heretofore on the tenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six the State of Maryland's writ of Capias ad respondendum Issued to the Sheriff of Baltimore County in the words and figures following Viz.

State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Baltimore County Greeting We command you that you take John Colegate late of Baltimore County farmer otherwise called John Colegate 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 Court House in the same County on the fourth Monday in August next to answer unto James Edwards and Jacob Stansbury of a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of one hundred and sixty six pounds fifteen shillings Current money which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains and forth, Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ, Witness Joshua Seney Gentleman Chief Justice of our said Court the 31st day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety five

NB Issued the 10th day of July 1795. Wm Gibson Clk.

At which said fourth monday in August cometh the said James Edwards and Jacob Stansbury by Nicholas Brice their Attorney, and now here also cometh the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the aforesaid writ was directed to wit, Henry Stevenson Gentleman who maketh return thereof to the Court here thus indorsed Cepi H Stevenson Shff

And now here also cometh the said John Colegate by Thomas

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