of the County aforesaid with the said writ thereon endorsed, to be served on the defendant with the writ or left at his last place of abode twenty days at least before the return of the said writ, for plea or judgment the first Court.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said John Rogers, Abraham Dyson, Richard Cooke Edmund Lardner Samuel Dyson Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus by William Cooke their attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid to wit Richard Harwood Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit.

N.E. Richard Harwood Shff.

And the said John Chew does not come; thereupon the said John Rogers, Abraham Dyson, Richard Cooke, Edmund Lardner Samuel Dyson Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus by their attorney aforesaid prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here an alias writ of Capias ad respondendum to the sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid directed in the words and of the tenor following, to wit.

The State of Maryland, fo. To the sheriff of Anne Arundel County greeting if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the judges of our general Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October next, to answer unto John Rogers, Abraham Dyson Richard Cooke, Edmund Lardner, Samuel Dyson, Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus of a plea that he render unto them the full and just sum of one hundred and sixty eight pounds three shillings and one penny Current money which to them the said John Chew owes and from them unjustly detains 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 22d day of June anno domini 1795. Issued the 21st day of July 1795. W.B. Jno. Quinn Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the thirteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven

seven hundred and ninety five and the return day of the last aforegoing writ comes again into the General Court here the said John Rogers Abraham Dyson, Richard Cooke Edmund Lardner Samuel Dyson Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus by their attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid, to whom the said last mentioned writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return to the Court here of the said writ, thus endorsed to wit,

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Richard Harwood Shff.

And the said Richard Harwood sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid although solemnly called upon by order of Court here, on motion of the said John Rogers, Abraham Dyson Richard Cooke Edmund Lardner Samuel Dayson, Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus by their attorney aforesaid to bring into Court here the body of the of the said John Chew whom he ought to have here this day in pursuance of the command of the writ aforesaid, and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid brings not into Court here the said John Chew but therein doth make default; Whereupon on motion of the said John Rogers Abraham Dyson Richard Cooke, Edmund Lardner, Samuel Dyson Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said Richard Harwood Junior sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid be amerced the debt aforesaid in the declaration of the said John Rogers Abraham Dyson William Cooke Edmund Lardner Samuel Dyson, Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus in the plea aforesaid, and the Costs and Charges that may have accrued, or may accrue in the plea aforesaid in case he brings not into Court here the body of the said John Chew on the second Tuesday May next; and the same day is given to the said John Rogers, Abraham Dyson Richard Cooke, Edmund Lardner, Samuel Dyson, Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus also.

At which said second tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, come again into the General Court here the said John Rogers, Abraham Dyson Richard Cooke Edmund Lardner Samuel Dyson Edward Gale and Thomas Porteus by their attorney aforesaid, and the said Richard Harwood sheriff of Ann Arundel County aforesaid, in pursuance of the command of the writ aforesaid and according to the tenor of his return thereof as aforesaid and in compliance with the rule of the Court aforesaid

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