the Court here, thus endorsed to wit. "Non Est W. Goldsmith Shff.
Whereupon the Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid again sued out the States Writ of Capias ad respondendum which follows in these words to wit.

Ann Arundel County, to wit, The State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County Greeting. We command you that you take Gilbert Hamilton Smith late of Ann Arundel County planter if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the third Monday of September next to answer unto Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving partners of John Petty, Joseph Yates and Richard Yates of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth; hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this writ, Witness Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Justice of our said Court, the 26th day of April Anno Domini 1794.

Issued the 21st day of May 1794. (T.B.) Nich Harwood Clk.

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made & sent with the last Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

At which said third Monday in September seventeen hundred and ninety four being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ come the said Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving partners of John Petty, Joseph Yates and Richard Yates by their Attorney aforesaid And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whom the same Writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Non Est. William Goldsmith Sheriff

Whereupon the said Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving partners of John Petty Joseph Yates and Richard Yates by their Attorney aforesaid again sued out the States Writ of Capias ad respondendum which follows, to wit.

Ann Arundel County ss. The State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County, Greeting. We command you that you take Gilbert Hamilton Smith late of Ann Arundel County planter if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court, to be held at the City of Annapolis on the third Monday of April next to answer unto Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving partners of John Petty, Joseph Yates & Richard Yates of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth, hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ.

(Witness)

Witness Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Justice of our said Court the the 19th day of September Anno Domini 1794.

Issued the 21st day of October 1794. (T.B.) Nich Harwood Clk.

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration was made and sent with the last Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

At which said third Monday in April seventeen hundred and ninety five being the day of the return of the said Writ come the said Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving partners of John Petty, Joseph Yates and Richard Yates by their Attorney aforesaid. And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whom the same Writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof thus endorsed to wit, "Non Est. Richd Harwood Shff.

Whereupon the said Joseph Yates & Richard Yates surviving partners of John Petty Joseph Yates, & Richard Yates by their Attorney aforesaid again sued out the States Writ of Capias ad respondendum which follows, to wit.

Ann Arundel County ss, The State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County Greeting, We command you that you take Gilbert Hamilton Smith late of Ann Arundel County planter if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Annapolis on the third Monday of September next to answer unto Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving of John Petty, Joseph Yates and Richard Yates of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth, hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Justice of our said Court the 27th day of April Anno Domini 1795.

Issued 25th day of May 1795. (T.B.) Nich Harwood Clk.

A Copy of which aforegoing Declaration and descount was made and sent with the last Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid.

At which such third Monday of September seventeen hundred and ninety five being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ come the said Joseph Yates and Richard Yates surviving partners of John Petty, Joseph Yates and Richard Yates by their Attorney aforesaid, And the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whom the same writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit

Cepi Copy left 25th May 1795. Richard Harwood Shff.

And the said Gilbert Hamilton Smith being called upon appears, and at the prayer of the plaintiff by his Attorney aforesaid is adjudged to give special bail to the Action aforesaid Thereupon a certain William Kelly of Ann Arundel County Gentleman present here in Court undertakes for the said Gilbert Hamilton Smith that in case the said Joseph Yates & Richard Yates surviving partners of John Petty, Joseph Yates & Richard Yates

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