shall execute this writ that you make known unto the said Justices at the day and place aforesaid and have you then and there this writ Witness Michael Jenifer Stone Esquire chief Justice of our said County Court the twelfth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Issued the 13th day of September 1797. Ms. Sm. R Magruder Jr. Shff.

Upon the issuing of the aforegoing attachment was thereunto Issued a writ of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Prence George County in manner and form following, to wit;

Prence Georges County, to wit, The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Prence Georges County, Greeting. We command you that you take Robert Morres and John Nicholson late of Prence Georges County Gentleman if they shall be found in your Bailiwick and them safe keep so that you have their bodies before the Justices of our County Court to be held for the County aforesaid at Upper Marlborough Town in said County on the forst Monday in april next to answer unto Joshua Ward in 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 Michael Jenifer Stone Esquire chief Justice of our said County Court the twelfth day of September anno Domini 1797 Issued the 13th day of September 1797. Ms. Sm. R Magruder, Junr. Clk.

And the said Joshua Ward by William Branch his attorney filed a Short Note (a Copy whereof was made and sent with the writ of Capias ad respondendum aforesaid) contained in the words following, to wit;

Joshua Ward against Robert Morris & John Nicholson

Action on the case

The Plaintiff prosecutes this action to recover from the defendants Robert Morres and John Nicholson the sum of three hundred and fifty five dollars and seaty one cents due to the Plaintiff on a promissory note signed by the said defendants bearing date the ninth day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hunared and ninety seven and payable twelve months after date which said sum of three hundred and fifty five dollars and seaty one cents and which the Plaintiff avers is equal to the sum of One hunared and thirty three pounds seven Shillings and three farthings and three fifths of a farthing current Money of Maryland the said defendants altho thereunto requested by the Plaintiff since the expiration of the twelve months in the said promissory Note mentioned have not paid nor any part thereof but have altogether refused and still do refuse to pay him the same to the damage of the Plaintiff in the sum of four hundred pounds current Money of Maryland whereupon he brings suit and S. Forth William Branch for the Plaintiff.

Pledges and so forth, John Doe, Richard Roe.

And now on this day, to wit, the first monday in April being the second day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ come here into the County Court aforesaid the said Joshua Ward by his attorney aforesaid And the Sheriff of Prence Georges County, to wit, Joseph Boone Gentleman to whom the aforegoing writ were in form aforesaid directed likewise comes and makes return of the writ of attachment,

attachment aforesaid to the Court here in manner and form following, to wit:

Joshua Ward vs Robert Morris & John Nicholson

State of Maryland, Prence Georges County to wit. I do hereby Certify and return to the honourable the Justices of Prence Georges County Court in the annexed writ of attachment mentioned that on the nineteenth day of September in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven I did attach seize and take the Lands and Tenements of the said Robert Morris and John Nicholson in my Bailiwick which said Lands and Tenements are situate lying and being in the city of Washington in the County aforesaid and are known and distinguished on the Platt and Plan of the said City by the following discription, to wit, Squares numbered four hundred and thirty five four hundred and sixty four, four hundred and sixty five, four hundred and sixty eight, four hundred and seventy nine and four hundred and seventy which said Lands and Tenements I have seized, attached and taken as by the annexed writ of attachment I am commanded to and for the use of the said Joshua Ward and I do further certify that at the time of my attaching the said Lands and Tenements there was no person or persons in possession thereof unto whom I could make known to be and appear before the Justices of Prence Georges County Court in the said writ mentioned on the day and at the place and for the purposes mentioned in the said writ of attachment and I do further certify that I did set up at the Court house door of Prence Georges County a copy of the Plaintiffs declaration or Short Note expressing the cause of action against the said Robert Morres and John Nicholson.

Jo. Boone Sheriff of Prence Georges County.

And the said Sheriff also makes return of the writ of Capias ad respondendum aforesaid thereon endorsed, to wit,

Ne. City Short Note set up at the Court house door.

J. Boone, Shff.

And the said Robert Morris and John Nicholson appear in Court here by Philip Barton Key and William Hammond Dorsey their attorneys Whereupon for that the Court here are not advised to give their Judgment of and upon the premises aforesaid a day is given to the said parties to hear their Judgment thereof until the first Monday in September next for that the said Court here as yet are not and so forth. At which said first monday in September being the third day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight aforesaid come here again into the County Court aforesaid as well the said Joshua Ward by his attorney aforesaid as the said Robert Morris and John Nicholson by their attorneys aforesaid produces to the Court here the State of Marylands writ of Certiorari closed in the words and figures following, to wit;

The State of Maryland &c. To the chief Justice Associate Justices and Clerk of Prence Georges County Court Greeting, Whereas lately in Prence Georges County Court a certain writ of the said State of attachment was sued forth by a certain Joshua Ward in virtue of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland entitled a Supplement to the act entitled an act directing the manner of suing out attachments in this Province and limitting the extent of them" against the Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels and Credits of a certain Robert Morres and John Nicholson which said attachment is still depending before you in the said County Court,