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And the said William Watkins being called upon as 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 Joseph Watkins of Anne Arundel County Planter present here in Court undertakes for the said William Watkins that in case the said William Wells shall recover Judgment against the said William Watkins in the plea aforesaid or that the said William Watkins shall be therein legally convict that then the said William Watkins shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or render his Body into the Custody of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Joseph Watkins will do the same for him

And the said William Watkins by Jonathan R. Wilmer his Attorney, comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

And the said William Wells by his Attorney aforesaid prays that the aforesaid William Watkins may to his writ and Declaration answer by the first day of February next; And the said William Watkins by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said William Wells his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c. because he saith that he the said William Watkins did pay unto the said William Wells the said sum of money in the said writing Obligatory mentioned with legal Interest thereon according to the form and effect of the said writing Obligatory and this he is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment if the said William Wells his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth.

At which said Next Court to wit, the third Monday in April seventeen hundred and ninety eight, come again the said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attornies aforesaid, and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also.

And now here at this day to wit, the third Monday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, come again the said William Wells by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said William Watkins by his Attorney aforesaid; and the said William Watkins by his said Attorney produces to the Court here the States writ of Habeas Corpus which is allowed by the Court, and the record ordered to be transmitted Accordingly.

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The State of Maryland &c. To the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Anne Arundel County Court and the Sheriff of the said County, Greeting. Whereas a certain William Watkins is detained in the prison of the said County under the Custody of you the said Sheriff at the suit of a certain William Wells in a plea of Debt and so forth which said plea as it is said still depends before you the said Justices undetermined, and the General Court being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid, should be heard and determined before the said General Court, therefore you are hereby commanded that you have the Body of the said William Watkins 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 said General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of October next, that the 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 the said General Court the fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight

Issued the 25th day of September 1798. (J.R.W.) John Gwinn Clerk

Seal of Anne Arundel County Court

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Office this 7th day of September 1798. Nich Harwood Clerk.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, comes into the General Court here as well the aforesaid William Wells by William Pitts and Walter Dorsey his Attornies, as the said William Watkins by Jonathan R. Wilmer his Attorney aforesaid; And the aforesaid William Wells by his Attorney aforesaid, saith that he by any thing by the said William Watkins in pleading alleged from having or maintaining his Action aforesaid against him ought not to be precluded, because he saith that the said William Watkins hath not paid unto him the aforesaid William Wells the aforesaid sum of money in the Will Obligatory aforesaid mentioned with the Interest thereon in such manner and form as the said William Wells above by pleading hath alleged; and this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and the said William Watkins in like manner and so forth; Therefore let a Jury thereon appear before the Court here, on the second Tuesday of May next, by whom and so forth, and who neither and so forth, to recognize and so forth, because as

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