And now here at the same time the aforesaid William Copeland Gouldsmith by his said attorney prays that the aforesaid Lemuel Howard may answer his Declaration aforesaid and the said Lemuel by his said attorney prays leave further to Imparle here until the third monday in March next and he hath it the same day is given the said William here and so forth

At which said third monday in March it being the third monday in March seventeen hundred and ninety nine cometh the parties aforesaid by their said attorneys and the said Lemuel produced to the court here the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus which is by the court allowed and is in the words and figures following to wit. The State of Maryland Sc.
To the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Harford county Court and the Sheriff of said County Greeting. Whereas a certain Lemuel Howard, William Maulsby and Samuel Paxon are detained in the prison of the said county under the custody of you the said Sheriff at the suit of a certain William Copeland Gouldsmith in a plea of trespass on the case 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 bodies of the said Lemuel Howard, William Maulsby and Samuel Paxon by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the cause of their 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 May 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 Honourable Jeremiah T. Chase Esquire chief Judge of the said General Court the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine

Issued the 16th day of March 1799 Jno. Gwinn clk

Afterwards to wit at August adjourned court it being the thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety nine, cometh here the aforesaid William Copeland Gouldsmith by Thomas Bell his said attorney and produceth to the court here a transcript of the record and proceedings of the said General Court in the aforegoing action together with the

State of Maryland's writ of procedendo which is in the words and figures following to wit.
The State of Maryland Sc. To the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Harford county court Greeting. We being willing lately for certain causes to be certified of the record and proceeds of a certain plea of trespass on the case &c. which was before you in our County court of Harford aforesaid, between William Copeland Gouldsmith plaintiff and Lemuel Howard, William Maulsby and Samuel Paxon defendants our writ to us lately did command that the tenor of the Record and proceeds of the plea aforesaid with all things thereunto relating by whatsoever names the parties aforesaid in the plea aforesaid called before the Judges of the General Court under your seals distinctly and openly without delay you should send and our writ aforesaid. Nevertheless for certain causes us now moving the plea aforesaid unto you we remit that in that plea with that speed which of right and according to law ye may proceed our writ aforesaid to you heretofore to the contrary notwithstanding. Witness the Honourable Jeremiah Townly Chase Esquire Chief Judge of the said General Court the twenty eighth day of October 1799.
Issued the 31st day of October 1799 (N. Brice) Jno. Gwinn clk

The State of Maryland to wit
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At a General Court of the Western Shore of the said State, one of the United States of America began and held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine and in the twenty fourth year of the Independence of the said United States of America

Present

The Honourable { Jeremiah Townley Chase Esquire Chief Judge, Gabriel Duvall and John Done } Esquires Judges

John Welch Esq. Sheriff — John Gwinn clk

In the record of proceedings of the same court among others is the following to wit

William C. Gouldsmith against Lemuel Howard, William Maulsby and Samuel Paxon	Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, the said Lemuel Howard,

William Maulsby, and Samuel Paxon in their proper persons sued out of the General Court the writ of the State of Maryland of Habeas

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