At which said first Monday in April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred come into the County Court here the said David Stewart, David Conyngham Stewart and John Stewart by their attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the said aforegoing writ was made and directed makes return thereof to the Court here that he hath taken the body of the said Thomas Kerr to answer unto the said David Stewart, David Conyngham Stewart and John Stewart as by the said writ he was commanded; and that he served a Copy of the declaration sent with the said writ the twenty first day of September, pursuant to the indorsement thereupon. Whereupon the said Thomas Kerr by Archibald Buchanan his attorney appears in Court here; and on motion of the said David Stewart, David Conyngham Stewart and John Stewart by their attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here, that the said Thomas Kerr give special bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon Thomas Reed of Baltimore County present in Court here in his proper person undertakes for the said Thomas Kerr, that in Case the said David Stewart, David Conyngham Stewart and John Stewart shall recover judgment against the said Thomas Kerr in the plea aforesaid or that the said Thomas Kerr shall be legally Convicted therein that then the said Thomas Kerr shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereon or render his body to the Custody of the sheriff of Baltimore County in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Thomas Reed will do the same for him: whereupon the said Thomas Kerr by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and soforth and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untill the first Monday in September next, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said David Stewart, David Conyngham Stewart, and John Stewart also. At which said first monday in September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred come again into the County Court here as well the said David Stewart, David Conyngham Stewart and John Stewart by their attorney aforesaid It is ruled by the Court here that the said Thomas Kerr answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said David Stewart, David Conyingham Stewart and John Stewart in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default thereof, whereupon on motion ~~be rendered against him in default thereof~~, It is ruled by the Court here that

That the said Thomas Kerr have leave to employ new Council in this Cause by the wednesday after the first Monday in April next his former Counsel being dead Whereupon the same day is given to the said David Stewart, David Conyingham Stewart and John Stewart also.

And now at this day to wit, the said Wednesday after the first Monday in april in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and one Come again into the County Court here as well the said David Stewart, David Conyingham Stewart and John Stewart by their attorney aforesaid, as the said Thomas Kerr by John Scott his attorney; whereupon the said Thomas Kerr by his attorney aforesaid produced to the Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Habeas Corpus directed to the Chief Justice and associate Justices of Baltimore County Court and the sheriff of the said County which is by the said Court allowed, and is in form following to wit.

Maryland Sc. The State of Maryland, To the chief Justice and Associate Justices of Baltimore County Court and the sheriff of the said County Greeting. Whereas a certain Thomas Kerr is detained in the prison of the said County under the Custody of you the said sheriff at the suit of a certain David Stewart, David Coningham Stewart and John Stewart in a plea of Trespass on the Case and soforth: 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 to have the body of the said Thomas Kerr 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 on the second Tuesday of May next, that the said General Court May further proceed therein as to justice appertains and soforth: Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honourable Jeremiah Townley Chase esquire chief Judge of the said General Court the thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and one. Issued the tenth day of April 1801. J.T. John Gwinn Clk.

In Pursuance whereof it is ordered by the Court here that the record of proceedings in the plea aforesaid be transmitted to the General Court for the Western which is hereby transmitted.

Test Wm. Gibson Clk.

Baltimore County, Sc. I hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy