James Jamieson ---
Joshua Johnston & ---
William Brooke ---
against
John Dockery Thompson

The State of Maryland Command was given to the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County That Whereas a certain John John Dockery Thompson late of Cecil County was detained in the Prison of said County under the Custody of said Sheriff at the Suit of a certain James Jameson Joshua Johnston and Walter Broke of a Plea of Debt which said Plea as it was said depended before the then Justices undetermined and being willing for divers Causes that the plea aft. undetermined as aft. should be heard and determined before the Justices of the Provincial Court That he should have the Body of the said John Dockery Thompson by whatsoever Name he might be called in the plea aft. together with the day and Cause of his Caption and Detainer and all things thereunto relating before the Justices of the Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday in April then next that the said Justices might further proceed therein as to Justice appertained and that they should not thereof fail at their Peril and that they should have then and there that Writ Witness Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Esq.re one of the Justices of the Provincial Court the fifteenth day of October in the fourth year of the Dominion &c. Anno Dominie 1774.
Issued the first day of November 1774. R Ghiselin Clk
Allowed p Philip Thomas Lee.

At which aforesaid second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and seventy five came the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County made return of the Writ aft. together with the Record and Proceedings thereof in these words following to wit.

Maryland Cecil County Ss. At a County Court of The Right Honourable Henry Harford Esquire Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Province of Maryland and so forth begun and held in and for Cecil County aforesaid at the Court House upon Elk River on the second Tuesday of November being the Eighth day of the same Month in the fourth year of his Lordships Dominion and so forth and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and seventy four by and before the said Lord Proprietors Justices and other Officers thereunto duly and legally assigned Commissioned and Qualified and so forth.

	William Rumsey.	David Smith.	
	Joseph Gilpin	Thomas Hughes	
The	John Leach Knight	Thomas Boulding	Justices
Worshipfull	John Veazey Junr.	John D. Thompson	
	William Ward	Stephen Hyland &	
	Amos Alexander		

Benjamin Young Clk. John Hamilton Shff

In the Records and Proceedings of the same Court amongst others was the following to wit

James Jameson ----
Joshua Johnston & ----
Walter Broke. ----
against
John Dockery Thompson

Cecil County ss. Be it remembered that heretofore to wit the fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take John Dockery Thompson late of Cecil County farmer if he should be found in his bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of Cecil County Court to be held for the same County at the Court house upon Elk River on the second Tuesday of November then next to Answer unto James Jameson Joshua Johnston and Walter Broke in a plea that he render unto them the sum of three hundred and twenty four Pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence current money which unto them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And that thereof he the said Sheriff was not to fail and that he should have then and there that Writ and so forth.

On which said second Tuesday of November in the year aft. being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes the said James Jameson Joshua Johnston and Walter Broke by Joseph Earle their Attorney and the Sheriff of Cecil County to whom the same Writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit Cepi John Hamilton Sheriff

And the aft. John Dockery Thompson being called upon appears thereupon at the Prayer of the Plaintiffs by their Attorney aft. the said John Dockery Thompson is adjudged to give Special Bail to the Action aft.

Whereupon Peter Lawson of Cecil County Farmer prevent here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said John Dockery Thompson that in case the said James Jameson Joshua Johnston and Walter Broke shall recover Judgment against the said John Dockery Thompson in the plea aft. or that he the said John Dockery Thompson shall be legally convict that then the said John Dockery Thompson shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or deliver himself to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County aft. in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said Peter Lawson will do the same for him.

And the said James Jameson Joshua Johnston and Walter Broke by their Attorney aft. declared against the said John Dockery Thompson in the plea aft. as follows to wit.

Cecil County to wit. John Dockery Thompson late of Cecil County Farmer was summoned to answer unto James Jameson