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 Whereupon the aft. Plaintiffs by Joseph Earle their Attorney say that whereas the Defendant the fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three at Maryland to wit Cecil County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory had granted himself to be held to the aft. Plaintiffs by the name of Jameson Johnstones and Company of Glasgow Merchants in the aft. Sum of three hundred and twenty four Pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence current money to be paid to the said Plaintiffs when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the aft. Defendant altho oftenrequired the aft. sum of Money unto them the said Plaintiffs hath not yet paid but that unto them to pay altogether hath refused and still doth refuse to the Damage of the same Plaintiffs two hundred Pounds current money and therefore they bring Suit and so forth And they bring here into Court the writing obligatory aft. which the Debt aft. in form aft. testifies which is sealed with the seal of the said Defendant the date of which is the same day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Pledges and so forth { John Doe and Richard Roe

And the said John Dockery Thompson by Thomas Bodingfield his Hands his Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when and so forth and saving to himself all advantages as well to the writ as to the Declaration aforesaid prays leave to imparle hereto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also.

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four comes again the said parties Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Attorneys aft. and the said Defendant by his Attorney aft. prays further leave to imparle hereto untill next Court and he hath it the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also.

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of August in the year aft. comes the said parties Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Attorneys aft. and the said Defendant by his Attorney afores.d prays further liberty to imparle hereto untill next Court and he hath it the same day is given to the Plaintiffs also.

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday in November in the year aft. comes again as well the said James Jameson Joshua Johnson and Walter Broke by their Attorney aft. as the said John Dockery Thompson aft. by his Attorney aft. And the said John Dockery Thompson by his Attorney aft. Produces to the Court here his Lordships

the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietors Writ Commanding his Justices and Sheriff of the County aft. in the following Words to wit.

Maryland to wit. The Right Honourable Henry Harford Esquire absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County Greeting Whereas a certain John Dockery Thompson late of Cecil County is detained in the Prison of our said County under the Custody of you our 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 is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined And we being willing for divers Causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid shall be heard and determined before the Justices of our Provincial Court therefore Command you that you have the Body of the said John Dockery Thompson by whatsoever Name he may be called in the plea aft. together with the day and Cause of his Caption and Detainer and all things thereunto relating before our Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday of April next that our said Justices may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Esq.re one of the Justices of our Provincial Court the fifteenth day of October in the fourth year of our Dominion and so forth Anno Domini 1774.

R. Ghiselin Clk.

Issued the first day of November 1774. Allowed p. Philip Thomas Lee.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court here that the Writ aft. be allowed and that the Record and Proceedings aft. by the same Writ demanded be Transmitted to the Justices therein named according to the Command of the said Writ together with the same Writ to this Record annexed and so forth.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy from the Record and Proceedings of Cecil County Court I have hereto set my hand and Seal of the County aforesaid this 31st Day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy five.

Benj.a Young Clk C.C.Y.

And the aforesaid John Dockery Thompson by his Attorney aft. prayed liberty of imparling thereof here untill the second Tuesday in September next and he had it the same day was given to the afores.d James Jameson Joshua Johnston and Walter Broke and so forth

At which aft. second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and seventy five came the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. and thereupon the Process between the parties aft. was continued here from the aft. second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and seventy five untill the second Tuesday in April Anno Domini seventeen hundred