Command you that by good and lawful Men of your bailiwick you make known to the said Robert Miller that he be and appear before the Judges of our said General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland to be held at Talbot County Court house on the second Tuesday of September next to shew cause if any he hath why our Commissioners aft. for our Use should not have Execution of the Debt aft. against the Body Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements Rights or Credits of the said Robert Miller according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case provided if to him it shall seem meet and have you then and there the names of those before whom you make the same known unto him and this Writ Witness the Honourable William Paca Esqre. chief Judge of our said Court this fourteenth Day of April Anno Domini 1778. James Earle Clk.

Issued the 18th day of August 1778.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and seventy eight came the aft. Robert Couden and John Clapham by Thomas Jennings their Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County aft. made return of the Writ aft. in the Words following to wit. Nihil Per. Wm. Merritt Sheriff

Whereupon it was again Commanded to the Sheriff of Kent County aft. that by good and lawful Men of his Bailiwick he should make known unto the said Robert Miller that he should be and appear before the Judges aft. at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April then next to shew if any thing for himself he had or to say know why our Commisioners aft. for our Use should not have Execution of the Debt aft. against the Body Goods or Chattels Lands or Tenements Rights or Credits of the aft. Robert Miller according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case provided if to him it should seem meet And that he should have then and there the Names of those before whom he should make the same known unto him and this Writ Witness the Honourable William Paca Esqre. chief Judge of said Court the 21st Day of September Anno Domini 1778. James Earle Clk.

Issued the 10th day of December 1778.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and seventy nine cameth the aft. Robert Couden and John Clapham by their Attorney aft. And the Sheriff of Kent County aft. maketh return of the Writ aft. in these Words following to wit Nihil Per Wm. Merritt Sheriff

At which aft. second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and seventeen hundred and seventy nine cameth the aft. Robert Couden and John Clapham by their Attorney aft. And the aft. Robert Couden and John Clapham by their Attorney aft. Prayeth that the aft. Robert Miller to the Writ of them the same Robert Couden and John Clapham may answer And the aft. Robert Miller altho. solemnly called cameth not nor to the Writ of them the same Robert Couden and John Clapham doth answer but maketh Default. Therefore it is considered by the Court here That

the aft. Robert Couden and John Clapham do recover against the said Robert Miller the sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling the Debt aft. as also for their Damages which they have sustained as well by occasion of the Detention of that Debt as for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this part expended unto the aft. Robert Couden and John Clapham by the Court here adjudged &c. James Earle Clk.

Robert Couden & John Clapham against James Chalmers.

The State of Maryland: sent to the Sheriff of Kent County by her close Writ in these Words following to wit. The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting Whereas it appears by the Records of our General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland That James Chalmers late of Kent County Gentleman did by his certain Writing obligatory now affixed of Record in the same Court bearing date the fourteenth day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy acknowledge himself to be held and firmly bound unto Robert Couden and John Clapham Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly of the Province of Maryland in the sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling And whereas the said James Chalmers hath failed in the payment of the aft. Sum of four hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling and need now requires that the said writing obligatory be used for the better securing the said sum We do therefore hereby Command you that by good and lawful Men of your bailiwick you make known to the said James Chalmers that he be and appear before the Judges of our said General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland to be held at Talbot County Court house on the second Tuesday of September next to shew cause if any he hath why our Commisioners aft. for our Use should not have Execution of the Debt aft. against the Body Goods or Chattels or Lands or Tenements Rights or Credits of the said James Chalmers according to the form of the Act of Assembly in such case provided if to him it shall seem meet and have you then and there the names of those before whom you make the same known unto him and this Writ Witness the Honourable William Paca Esqre. chief Judge of our said Court this fourteenth day of April Anno Domini 1778. James Earle Clk.

Issued the 18th day of August 1778.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and seventy eight came the aft. Robert Couden and John Clapham by Thomas Jennings their Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County aft. made return of the Writ aft. in the Words following to wit Nihil Per Wm. Merritt Sheriff

Whereupon it was again Commanded to the Sheriff of Kent County aft. that by good and lawful Men of his Bailiwick he should make known