Ringgold of a plea wherefore with force and Arms &c. the Close of him the said Josias lying and being in Kent County aft. the said John broke and Entered and one hundred Hickory Trees, one hundred black oak Trees, one hundred red oak Trees and one hundred white oak Trees of the value of twenty shillings each Tree then and there growing in the said Close he the said John then and there cut down felled and carried away and other harms to him the said Josias then and there did to the great Damage of the said Josias and against the Peace &c.

At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and seventy eight came the aft. Josias by Joseph Nicholson Junior his Attorney And the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ aft. to the Court here thereon Indorsed as follows to wit. Cepi Corpus. Per Wm. Merrill Sheriff

But the aft. John although solemnly called to come into the said Court came not but made default although our said Sheriff hath returned that he hath taken the body of the aft. John thereupon William Merrill Sheriff of the County aft. at the Prayer of the said Josias by his Attorney aft. was Amerced in the sum of three shillings and four pence current Money provided he should not bring into the said Court the body of the aft. John on the Monday before the third Tuesday of August next agreeable to the return of the Writ aft.

And now here to wit on the Monday before the third Tuesday of August came again the aft. Josias by his Attorney aft. and the said John Moore in his proper person here into Court did come and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and prayed Liberty of Imparling thereof here to the Action aft. untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of November next and he had it the same day was given the aft. Josias here and so forth.

At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of November came again the Parties aft. the said Josias by his Attorney aft. and the said John in his proper person further defended the force and Injury when and so forth and prayed further Liberty of Imparling thereof here to the Action aft. untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of March next and he had it the same day was given the afores.t Josias here and so forth.

At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and seventy nine came again the Parties aft. the said Josias by his Attorney aft. and the said John in his proper person and the aft. Josias by his Attorney aft. offered himself against the said John in the plea aft. and complained thereof against him in the following words to wit:

John Moore late of Kent County Planter was Attached to answer unto Josias Ringgold in a plea wherefore with force and

Arms the Close of him the said Josias lying and being in Kent County aft. the said John broke and entered and one hundred Hickory Trees, one hundred black Oak Trees, one hundred Red Oak Trees, and one hundred white Oak Trees of the value of Twenty shillings each tree then and there growing in the said Close he the said John then and there cut down felled and carried away and other harms to him the said Josias then and there did to the great damage of the said Josias and against the Peace and so forth.

And Whereupon the said Josias by Joseph Nicholson Junior his Attorney complains that the said John on the first day of March in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight with force and Arms and so forth at Kent County aft. the Close of him the said Josias lying and being in the said County being part of a Tract of Land called Comegy's Farm he the said John broke and entered and one hundred Hickory Trees, one hundred black Oak Trees, one hundred Red Oak Trees, and one hundred white Oak Trees, of the value of Twenty shillings each Tree then and there growing in the said Close he the said John then and there cut down felled and carried away and other harms to him the said Josias then and there did to the great Damage of the said Josias and against the Peace Government and Dignity of this State and so forth wherefore the said Josias saith that he is the worse and hath sustained Damage to the value of one thousand Pounds and therefore he brings Suit and so forth.

Pledges and so forth. { John Doe and Richard Roe

And now here to wit on the Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and seventy nine the aft. John Moore in his proper Person here into Court doth came and alledges to the same Court that the Action aft. so as aft. depending between the aft. Josias Ringgold Plaintiff and him the said John Moore Defendant is by Habeas Corpus removed to the General Court to be held at Talbot County for the Eastern Shore of this State on the second Tuesday of April next of all which the said Court for the County of Kent aft. hath legal Notice by Habeas Corpus amongst the Proceedings of the same Court filed.

In Testimony that the above is a true Copy of the Proceedings in the Action aft. I have hereunto Subscribed my Name and affixed my Seal this 25th. day of March 1779. E. Forman Clk Kent County.

And the aft. John Moore by Robert Goldsborough Junior his Attorney Prayed Liberty of Imparling thereof here untill the second Tuesday of September then next and he had it The same day was given to the aft. Josias Ringgold there and so forth.

And the aft. Josias Ringgold by his Attorney aft. Prayed that a Rule of Court be made for the aft. John Moore to file his Plea at the then next September Term and it was granted unto him.

Whereupon the same second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred