because the Court there was thereof not yet and so forth.

And now here to wit the same second Tuesday of September 1781. cometh the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. Whereupon all and Singular the Premises being seen and by the Court here fully understood and mature deliberation being thereon had.

Therefore It is considered by the Court here that the aft. Alexander Speirs, John Bowman, William French, Ebenezer Machie, John Crawford and George Crawford have Execution of the Damages in the Transcript aft. mentioned & also for the sum of Pounds of Tobacco Additional Costs thereon by the Court here according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and Provided Adjudged.

James Earle Clk

Joseph Nicholson Junr. against Thomas Knotts	The State of Maryland Command was given to the Sheriff of Caroline County that he should take Thomas Knotts late of Caroline County Planter

otherwise called Thomas Knotts of Caroline County Planter if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he should have his body before the Judges at the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of September then next to answer unto Joseph Nicholson Junior of a Plea that he should render unto him the Sum of five thousand Pounds which to him he owed and unjustly detained and so forth. And that he should not thereof fail at his Peril and that he should have then and there that Writ Witness The Honourable Nicholas Thomas Esqr. one of the Judges of said Court the 10th day of April Anno Dominii 1781.

James Earle Clk

Issued the 8th day of June 1781. P.L.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September 1781. came the aft. Joseph Nicholson Junior by Peregrine Lethrbury his Attorney And the Sheriff of Caroline County aft. made return of the Writ aft. in the Words following to wit Cepi Corpus answereth. H. Downes Sheriff.

And the aft. Joseph Nicholson Junior offered himself in the Plea aft. against the aft. Thomas Knotts and complained in manner and form following to wit.

Caroline County to wit. Thomas Knotts late of Caroline County Planter otherwise called Thomas Knotts of Caroline County Planter was Summoned to answer unto Joseph Nicholson Junior of a Plea that he render unto him the sum of five thousand Pounds current Money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth.

And Whereupon the said Joseph by Peregrine Lethrbury his Attorney saith that whereas the aft. Thomas on the fourteenth day of September in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty at Caroline County

aft. by his certain Writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Joseph in the aft. sum of five thousand Pounds current Money to be paid to the said Joseph when afterwards he should be thereunto required & Nevertheless the aft. Thomas (although often thereunto required) the aft. Sum of five thousand Pounds current Money to the said Joseph hath not rendered or paid but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the value of five hundred Pounds current Money aft. and therefore he brings Suit and so forth. And brings here into Court the Writing obligatory aft. Sealed with the Seal of the aft. Thomas which the Debt aft. in Form aft. Witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aft. and so forth.

Pere Lethrbury for the Plaintiff. Pledges and so forth. { John Doe and Richd. Roe

And the aft. Thomas Knotts in his proper Person comes and defends the force and Injury when and so forth and Prayeth an Hearing of the Writing obligatory aft. and the Condition thereof and he hath them as follows to wit. Know all men by these presents that we James Knotts, Thomas Knotts and Nathaniel Knotts & James Longfellow of Caroline County am held & firmly bound unto Joseph Nicholson Junr. in the full & just sum of five thousand Pounds current money to be paid to the said Joseph Nicholson Junr. his Exors. Admrs. & Assigns to the which payment well & truly to be made & done we do hereby bind ourselves our heirs Exors. & Admrs. for & in the whole jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals & dated this 4th day of September 1780. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound James Knotts do & shall well & truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Joseph Nicholson Junr. his Exors. Admrs. or Assigns at or upon the first day of January next ensuing forty barrels of good Indian Corn to be delivered at the dwelling Plantation of the said Joseph in the County aft. & also pay & satisfy all the Plaintiffs Costs of three Suits brought in the General Court for the Eastern Shore by the said Joseph against the said James Longfellow Thomas & Nathaniel Knotts then this obligation to be void otherwise in full force and virtue in Law.

Sealed and delivered in the Presence of John Page ..... James Knotts (S.) Thomas Knotts (S.) Nathaniel Knotts (S.) James Longfellow (S.)

And the aft. Thomas Knotts in his Proper Person aft. comes and defends the force and Injury when and so forth and saith that he cannot gainsay the Action aft. of the aft. Joseph Nicholson Junior nor can he deny but that the Writing obligatory aft. is the Deed of him the said Thomas Knotts nor but that he oweth unto the same Joseph Nicholson Junior the aft. sum of five thousand Pounds current Money in manner & form as the aft. Joseph Nicholson Junior above against him hath declared.

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the aft. Joseph Nicholson Junr. do recover against the said Thomas Knotts his Debt aft. As also Pounds of Tobacco for his Damages which he hath sustained by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt unto the aft. Joseph Nicholson by the Court here of his Assent Adjudged and the aft. Thomas Knotts in Mercy and so forth.

James Earle Clk.