Caleb and Robert by them by Occasion of the Premises in this part sustained the same Thomas saith and acknowledgeth that the aft. Caleb and Robert hath sustained Damages by Occasion of the Premises beyond their Costs & Charges by them about their Suit in this part appeared to one Pound of Tobacco and five hundred Pounds current Money and not more and because the same Caleb and Robert here the same Deth not gainsay but that Allegation to be true well do grant they Pray Judgment and those Damages above acknowledged together with their Costs and Charges aft. to them to be adjudged &c.

Therefore by Agreement of the Parties aft. It is considered by the Court here that the aft. Caleb and Robert do recover against the said Thomas Knotts their Damages aft. to one Pound of Tobacco and five hundred Pounds current Money, to be released on the Payment of Twenty six Pounds fifteen Shillings and Elevenpence Specie, in form aft. acknowledged As also Six Hundred and fifty three Pounds of Tobacco for their Costs and Charges aft. unto the aft. Caleb and Robert by the same Court and by the Agreement of the Parties aft. adjudged &c. and the aft. Thomas in Mercy &c. so forth.

James Earle Clk.

Caleb Ricketts & Robert Walters ... 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 in the State of Maryland 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 in the County of Talbot at the Court house in the County aft. the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto Caleb Ricketts and Robert Walters in a plea that he should render unto them the just and full Sum of five hundred Pounds lawful Money which to them he owed and unjustly detained &c. 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 21st day of September AD. 1779. Issued the 7th day of March 1780. RW.

James Earle Clk.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April 1780. came the aft. Caleb and Robert by Robert Wright their Attorney And the Sheriff of Caroline County by aft. made return of the Writ aft. in the words following to wit Cepi Corpus

Henry Downes Sheriff

And Whereupon John Lee and Thomas Mason of Caroline County did come into the Court aft. and became Pledges and Manucaptors for the aforesd. Thomas Knotts that if it should happen that the same Thomas Knotts in the plea aft. should be convicted that then the same John Lee and Thomas Mason Granted that all such Damages Costs and Charges which unto

the same Caleb and Robert in this part should be adjudged of their Bodies Lands and Chattels should be made and to the use of the same Caleb and Robert Levied if it should happen that the same Thomas Knotts the Damages Costs & Charges aft. unto the aft. Caleb and Robert should not pay or himself to the Public Prison of Caroline County aft. by that occasion should not render.

And the aft. Caleb and Robert by their Attorney aft. prayed liberty of continuing their Action thereof there untill the second Tuesday of September then next and they had it. The same day was given to the aft. Thomas there and so forth.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September 1780 came the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. Caleb and Robert by their Attorney aft. prayed further liberty of continuing their Action thereof there untill the second Tuesday of April then next and they had it. The same day was given to the aft. Thomas there and so forth.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April 1781. came the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. Caleb and Robert by their Attorney aft. prayed further liberty of continuing their Action thereof there until the second Tuesday of September then next and they had it. The same day was given to the aft. Thomas there and so forth.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September 1781. came the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. Caleb and Robert by their Attorney aft. prayed further liberty of continuing their Action thereof there until the second Tuesday of April then next and they had it. The same day was given to the aft. Thomas there and so forth.

And now here to wit the same second Tuesday of April 1782. cometh the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. Caleb and Robert by their Attorney aft. offer themselves in the Plea aft. and complain against the aft. Thomas Knotts in manner and form following to wit.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland to wit. Thomas Knotts late of Caroline County Planter otherwise called Thomas Knotts of Caroline County in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Caleb Ricketts and Robert Walters in a plea that he render unto them the just and full sum of five hundred Pounds lawful Money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth

And whereupon the said Caleb Ricketts and Robert Walters by Robert Wright their Attorney say that whereas the aft. Thomas Knotts on the twenty ninth day of March seventeen hundred and seventy nine at Caroline County to wit at the Eastern Shore of Maryland aft. by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Caleb and Robert in the aft. sum of five hundred Pounds lawful Money to be paid to the said Caleb and Robert when thereto afterwards he should be required and to the same payment did bind himself firmly by the same writing obligatory Nevertheless the said Thomas altho. often required the aft. sum of five hundred Pounds unto the said Caleb and Robert yet hath not paid but that to them to pay hitherto hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the same Caleb and Robert one thousand Pounds like Money aft. and therefore they bring Suit and so forth.

Rob. Wright. for Plaintiffs

Pledges and so forth { John Doe & Richard Roe.

And the aft. Thomas Knotts by Peregrine Lethbury his Attorney comes and defends