At which said first Tuesday of October then next following as aft.e came as well the
said Samuel Johnson as the said Benjamin Purnell by their Attorneys And the
said Benjamin Purnell prayed further liberty of Imparling thereof until the first Tues-
day of March then next following and it was granted to him and the same day was giv-
en to the same Samuel Johnson there &c. At which said first Tuesday of March then
next following as aft.e came as well the said Samuel Johnson as the said Benja-
min Purnell by their Attorneys aft.e and the said Benjamin Purnell prayed fur-
ther liberty of Imparling thereof until the first Tuesday of June then next follow.g
and it was granted unto him and the same day was given to the same Samuel
Johnson there &c. At which said first Tuesday of June then next following as
aft.e came as well the said Samuel Johnson as the said Benjamin Purnell by
their Attorneys aft.e And the said Benjamin Purnell by his Attorney aft.e Prayed
further liberty of Imparling thereof until the first Tuesday of October then next fol-
lowing and it was granted to him and the same day was given to the same Samuel
Johnson there &c. At which said first Tuesday of October then next following as aft.e
came as well the said Samuel Johnson as the said Benjamin Purnell by their
Attorneys aft.e and the said Benjamin Purnell prayed further liberty of Imparling
thereof until the first Tuesday of March then next following and it was granted
to him and the same day was given to the same Samuel Johnson there &c at which
said first Tuesday of March then next following as aft.e came as well the said Samuel
Johnson as the said Benjamin Purnell by their Attorneys aft.e and the said Benjamin
Purnell by his Attorney aft.e produced to the Justices of Worcester County Court aft.e the
States Writ of Pone in the said Cause for the removal thereof the Tenor of which Writ
ensues in the words and figures following to wit. The State of Maryland To
the Justices of Worcester County Greeting Put before the Judges of our next General
Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house
the second Tuesday of April next plainly and distinctly and in as full & ample
manner as it now remains before you a certain Replevin brought and Proceeded
by Samuel Johnson against Benjamin Purnell in your County Court for that
the said Benjamin Purnell took and unjustly detained from him the said Samuel
Johnson one Negro Man Slave named Zadock and make known to the same
Samuel Johnson that he then and there be and appear before us if he means fur-
ther to prosecute his said Replevin against the same Benjamin Purnell and have
you then and there this Writ as well as the aft.e Writ of Replevin Issued as aft.e for
the aft.e Slave by the same Samuel Johnson against the same Benjamin Purnell
Witness The Honourable Nicholas Thomas Eq.re one of the Judges of our s.d Court
this 11th day of October Anno Domini 1780. Issued the 16th January 1781. G.S.
James Earle Clk.

Which said Writ being Read and heard the same was by the Justices of Worcester
County Court then and there allowed And it was ordered by the Justices of the
same Court that the Action of Replevin aft.e together with all Proceedings touch-
ing the same be put before the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore
of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April next
as plainly and distinctly and in as full a manner as it then remained

before them and it was further ordered to be made known to the same Samuel Johnson that he then
and there be and appear before the Judges of the same General Court if he meant further to Prosecute
his said Action of Replevin against the said Benjamin Purnell by which said Writ of Pone the
Record and Proceedings aft.e being duly removed before the Judges of the General Court at a Court
held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April
Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty one the said Benjamin Purnell by Gustavus Scott
his Attorney came and the same Benjamin Purnell by his Attorney aft.e prayed liberty of Imparl-
ing thereof until the second Tuesday of September then next following and it was granted to him
and the same day was given to the same Samuel Johnson here &c. On which said second Tues-
day of September aft.e came the same Samuel Johnson and the same Benjamin Purnell by
his Attorney aft.e and the same Benjamin Purnell by his Attorney aft.e Prayed further liberty
of Imparling thereof until the second Tuesday of April then next following and it was gran-
ted to him and the same day was given to the same Samuel Johnson here &c. on which
said second Tuesday of April aft.e came the same Samuel Johnson and the same Ben-
jamin Purnell by his Attorney aft.e and the same Benjamin Purnell by his Attorney
aft.e Prayed that the same Samuel Johnson might be laid under a Rule of the said Court
to declare in the Action of Replevin aft.e against him the same Benjamin on or before
the second Wednesday of September then next following and might file his Declara-
tion in the Replevin aft.e against him the same Benjamin of Record by or before the
said day or that he the said Benjamin might go thereof without day which by the
same Court was accordingly Ruled and ordered On which said second Wednesday
of September last aft.e came the same Samuel Johnson and the same Benjamin Purnell
by his Attorney aft.e and the same Samuel Prayed that he might have a longer day
allowed him to file his Declaration in the plea aft.e and that the rule he had been
laid under to declare in the Action of Replevin aft.e might be extended until the Se-
cond Wednesday of April then next following and it was Granted unto him and the
same day was given to the said Benjamin Purnell here &c. On which said day to wit
the second Wednesday of April last aft.e came the same Benjamin Purnell by his At-
torney aft.e but the same Samuel Johnston although solemnly called did not come aft.e
and his Declaration aft.e in Compliance with the Rule and order aft.e hath not Exhibited
but the same to do hath neglected and refused nor further prosecutes his Writ aft.e
and was Plaintiff Therefore It is considered by the said Court that the said Samue-
el do take nothing by his Writ aft.e but be in Mercy for his false Clamor And that
the said Benjamin do go thereof without day And also that the said Benjamin have
return of the Negro Man Slave aft.e named Zadock and do recover his Damages
of the said Samuel for the Caption and unjust detention of the Negro Man Slave
aft.e &c. Therefore you are Commanded that you without delay cause the Negro
Man Slave aft.e named Zadock to be returned to the said Benjamin Purnell and
do not deliver the aft.e Negro Man Slave named Zadock on the complaint of the
said Samuel without our Writ which makes express mention of the Judgment
aft.e and how you shall Execute this Writ Certify to the Judges of the next General
Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the Se-
cond Tuesday of September next and have then and there this Writ Witness Robert
Hanson Harrison Eq.re chief Judge of our said Court this 15th day of April Anno Domini 1783
Issued the 24th day of June 1783. G.S. James Earle Clk.