Gst William McCallum Executor of William Bowers against Pltf. James Kent

Be it remembered that heretofore Court on the twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty five

command was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County that he should take James Kent late of Queen Anns County Gentleman otherwise called James Kent of Queen Anns County and Province of Maryland if he should be found in his bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Judges of the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April next to answer unto William McCallum Executor of the last Will and Testament of William Bowers late of Talbot County deceased of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of Five hundred pounds common money of said Province which from him he unjustly detains &c. And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and that he should have then and there that Writ &c.

At which mentioned day to wit the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty five came the said William McCallum by Gustavus Scott his Attorney and Samuel Ridgaway the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to the Court here made return that he had taken the body of the said James Kent and the same had ready according to the exigence of the said Writ. And the said James Kent by Robert Wright his Attorney came here into Court. And thereupon the said James Kent at the prayers of the said William McCallum was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid Whereupon William Hopper Planter came here into Court before the Justices aforesaid, in his proper person and became Pledge and Manucaptor for the aforesaid James Kent that if it should happen that Judgment by the Court here for the aforesaid William McCallum in the plea aforesaid against the said James Kent should be rendered then the said William Hopper granted that ale

such damages, Costs and Charges which unto the said William McCallum in the said should by the Court be adjudged of his Lands and Chattels should be made and to the use of the said William McCallum levied, if it should happen that the said James Kent the said damages Costs and Charges unto the said William McCallum should not pay or his body in Execution of such Judgment to the Public Prison of Queen Anns County aforesaid by that occasion should not render.

And the said William McCallum by his Attorney aforesaid afiled his Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said James Kent in manner and form following, to wit, Queen Anns County, to wit. James Kent late of Queen Anns County Gentleman otherwise called James Kent of Queen Anns County and Province of Maryland was summoned to answer unto William McCallum Executor of the last Will and Testament of William Bowers late of Talbot County deceased of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of Five hundred pounds common money of said Province which from him he unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the same William McCallum by Gustavus Scott his Attorney saith that the same James Kent on the twenty fifth day of January in the year seventeen hundred and seventy three at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory which the same William McCallum sealed with the Seal of him the same James Kent here into Court doth bring whose date is the same day and year last aforesaid granted and acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the same William Bowers in his life time in the full and just sum of five hundred common current Money of Maryland to be paid to the same William Bowers his certain Attorney, heirs Executors Administrators or assigns whenever afterwards he the same James Kent should be thereunto required, to which payment well and truly to be made and done he bound himself, his heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by the same writing. Nevertheless the same James Kent tho' thereto by the same William Bowers in his life time and by the same William McCallum since his decease often required the aforesaid sum of Money or any part thereof unto the same William Bowers in his life time did not render or pay nor hath he since the decease of the same William Bowers rendered or paid the same to the said William McCallum (To which said William McCallum