that a rule of Court be made for the aforesaid St. Leger Meeks to file his plea and answer to the Declaration aforesaid of him the aforesaid John Galloway at the next April Term; and it is granted unto him: and the aforesaid St Leger Meeks by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth: and prays leave to impark thereto until the second Tuesday of April next; and it is granted unto him: and the same day is given to the aforesaid John Galloway and so forth. —

And now here at this day to wit, the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, here come again the parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the aforesaid St. Leger Meeks by his Attorney aforesaid defendeth the force and injury when and so forth: (as before) and saith that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the aforesaid John Galloway so as aforesaid against him brought nor but that he writing obligatory aforesaid is the Deed of him the said St. Leger Meeks, nor but that he owes to the aforesaid John Galloway the aforesaid sum of two hundred and eighty pounds currency, in manner and form aforesaid, so as the aforesaid John Galloway above against him hath declared: Therefore it is Considered by the Court here, that the said John Galloway do recover against the said St. Leger his debt aforesaid, form aforesaid, acknowledged: As also the quantity of five hundred and eighteen pounds of Tobacco, as well for his damages which he hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that debt, as for his Cost and Charges by him about his suit, in this behalf expended unto the same John Galloway by the Court here with his assent adjudged and so forth: And the said St. Leger Meeks in mercy and so forth. —

James Earle Clk:

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Robert Buchanan
against
Robert Meeks

Memorandum, the Defendant in this Cause by Robert Wright his Attorney sued out the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus the tenor whereof ensues in the following words to wit: The State of Maryland: to the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County Greeting: whereas a certain Robert Meeks late of Kent County detained in the Prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Robert Buchanan of a plea that he render unto him the sum of sixty pounds current money which to him he owes and

(unjustly)





unjustly detains and so forth: which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined and we being will for divers Causes that the Plea aforesaid, undetermined as aforesaid, shall be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court. Therefore we command you that you have the body of the said Robert Meeks by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the Cause of his Caption and Detention and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April next, that the Judges of our said Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains &c. Hereof fail not at your Peril, and have you then and there this writ witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court this 24th day of September Anno Domini 1785.

Issued 10th March 1786. Rec.

James Earle Clk

At which said day, to wit the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ the Justices and Clerk of Kent County in compliance with the writ aforesaid, make return thereof to the Court here, with the following Record annexed, to wit: (The execution of the above writ appears by the following proceedings: The answer of John Scott, Robert Maxwell, James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt, Richard Graves, Thomas Vandyke, James Lloyd and John Woodland Esquires, Justices of the peace for Kent County and George Hanson High Sheriff of the County. — We John Scott, Robert Maxwell, James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt, Richard Graves, Thomas Van Dyke, James Lloyd and John Woodland Justices as afs^d and George Hanson High Sheriff — To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland certify that — Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the Monday before the third Tuesday of October seventeen hundred and eighty four, that he should take the Body of Robert Meeks late of Kent County farmer, otherwise called Robert Meeks of Kent County in the State of Maryland, if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that he might have his Body before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the Monday before the third Tuesday of March next to answer unto Robert Buchanan of a plea that he render unto him the just and full sum of sixty pounds current money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth.

At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty five, came the afs^d Robert Buchannan by William Silghman

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