Andrew Pearce
against
William C. Neille

Memorandum, the Defendant in this cause by Purbutt Wright his Attorney sued out the State of Marylands writ of Habeas Corpus, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: The State of Maryland To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting: whereas a certain William Charles Neille late of Kent County Gentleman is detained in the Province of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Andrew Pearce of a plea that he render unto him the sum of seventeen pounds nineteen shillings and eightpence current money, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth: which said plea as it is said sile depends before you our said Justices undetermined and we being willing 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 William Charles Neille by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid to go: Then 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 in Talbot County at the Court House, in the County aforesaid the second Tuesday of April next that our Judges of the said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains to: Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this writ: Witness the honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire chief Judge of our said Court, the sixth day of October Anno Dominis 1786.

Tues the 9. day of March 1787. James Earle Clk:

And now here at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of April Anno Dominis, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, 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, towit: The Execution of the above writ appears by the following proceedings, The answer of John Scott, James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt, Richard Graves, John Woodland John Page, Donaldson Yeates, John Thomas, James Henry and Jeremiah Nicols Esquires Justices of the peace for Kent County and George Hanson High Sheriff of the same County — We John Scott, James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt, Richard Graves, John Woodland, John Page, Donaldson Yeates, John Thomas, James Henry and Jeremiah Nicols Justices as aforesaid 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 five, that he should take William Charles Neille late of Kent County, Gentleman if he should be found in his bailiwick and him safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Justices aforesaid of the 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 Andrew Pearce of a plea that he render unto him the sum of seventeen pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence current money 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 six, came the aforesd Andrew Pearce by William Tilghman his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ aforesd to the Court here, thereon endorsed Coepi Geo. Hanson Sheriff. Thereupon James Blackiston of Kent County farmer in his Proper person here into Court did come and became pledge and Security for the aforesd William Charles Neille that

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