And the aforesaid William Brown by Richard Bassitt his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, & prays leave to imparle here, until next Court & he hath it: And the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. –

At which said next Court, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of October in the year aforesaid; comes again the said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attornies aforesaid; and the said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle hereto until next Court; & he hath it: And the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. –

At which said next Court, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred and eighty six; comes again as well the said Samuel Sharp by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said William Brown by his Attorney aforesaid. – Whereupon the said Peter Lawson surrenders the said William Brown up and prays that he may be discharged from being further Bail for the said William Brown at the suit of the said Samuel Sharp, in the plea aforesaid: Therefore the said Peter Lawson is adjudged to be discharged, and it is further ordered by the Court here that the said William Brown give new Bail to the Action aforesaid, but for want thereof he is committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Cecil County afores.d: there to remain until, &c.a who being present here in Court took charge of him accordingly. And thereupon the said William Brown in Custody as aforesaid, by his said Attorney prays further leave to imparle hereto until next Court, & he hath it: And the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. –

At which said next Court, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of June, in the year afs, comes again, as before, as well the said Samuel Sharp by his Attorney afs as the said William Brown in Custody as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid; and the said William Brown in Custody as aforesaid, by his Attorney aforesaid, produces to the Court now here the following Habeas Corpus, Viz.t

The State of Maryland. To the Justices & Sheriff of Cecil County Greeting. Whereas a certain William Brown is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the

suit of a certain Samuel Sharp in a plea of Trespass on the Case, &c.a: which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined; and we being willing for divers causes, that the plea aforesaid, undetermined as afs, shall be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court; We therefore Command you, that you have the body of the said William Brown, by whatsoever Name or names he may be called in the plea afs; together with the cause of his caption and detention, & 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 September next that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains, &c.a –

Hereof fail not at your peril & have you then and there this writ. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.r Chief Judge of our said Court, this eleventh day of April Anno Domini 1706. – Issued the 12th. day of June 1706. P.L. James Earle Clk.

Thereupon it is Ordered by the Court aforesaid that the Record & proceedings with all things thereto relating, be transmitted accordingly – B. Williams Clk.

In Testimony that the above is a true Copy taken from the Records & Proceedings of Cecil County Court. I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office, of the County aforesaid this 17th. day of August 1706.

(seal)

B. Williams Clk.

And the said William Brown by his Attorney aforesaid, defended the force and injury when and so forth, and prayed the liberty of imparling therein until the second Tuesday of April then next, and it was granted unto him: The same day was given to the said Samuel Sharp then & so forth. –

At which said second Tuesday of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid: And the said Samuel Sharp by his Attorney aforesaid, prayed that the said William Brown to his Declaration might answer: Whereupon it was ruled by the Court here at the prayer of the said Samuel Sharp, that the said William Brown should answer unto the Declaration aforesaid by the second Tuesday in September, then next: And it was said to the said William Brown, that if he should not answer to the Declaration