September Term 1787.

Kent County, to wit: On the Monday before the third Tuesday of March, seventeen hundred and eighty six, at a Court held at the Court-House in the Town of Chester in and for the County aforesaid, the State of Maryland by William Tilghman its Attorney produces then there its certain Bill against Samuel Earle Esq.r one of the Attorneys of the same Court in a plea of Debt, &c. Which said Bill follows in these words.

To the Worshipfull the Justices of Kent County Court, William Tilghman Attorney at Law who in this behalf prosecuteth for the State of Maryland complains of Samuel Earle one of the Attornies of the said Court, present here in Court in his proper person, otherwise called Samuel Earle, of that he hath not rendered to the said State three thousand pounds current money, which to the said State he owes & unjustly detains, &c. For that whereas the aforesaid Samuel on the twenty sixth day of November in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred and eighty two, at the County afs.d by his certain writing Obligatory with his Seal sealed and to the Court here shown, the date whereof is the day and year afs.d acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound to the State afs.d in the aforesaid sum of money, to be paid to the said State when thereto afterwards he should be required: Yet the said Samuel Earle altho' often required the afs.d sum of Money to the State aforesaid, hath not paid but the same to the p.d State to pay hath hitherto altogether refused & still doth refuse to the damage of the said State three thousand pounds current money of Maryland and thereupon the said William for the afs.d State prays remedy, &c.

Wm. Tilghman. Pledges, &c. John Doe. Richd Roe.

And the said Samuel Earle comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action aforesaid until the Monday before the third Tuesday of June next, and he had it: The same day was given the aforesaid State here and so forth.

At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of June, seventeen hundred and eighty six, came again the parties aforesaid; and the aforesaid State by its Attorney aforesaid, alledges to the same Court that the Action aforesaid, so as aforesaid depending between the aforesaid State of Maryland Plaintiff and the aforesaid Samuel Earle Defendant is by Certiorari removed to the General Court

to be held at Talbot County Court House for the Eastern Shore of this State on the second Tuesday of September next of which the said Court for the County of Kent afs.d hath legal notice by Certiorari amongst the proceedings of the same Court filed and allowed.

In Testimony that the above is a true copy of the proceedings in the Action afs.d I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Public seal of Kent County aforesaid, this 9th day of September 1786.

Seal of Kent County Court

Ben: Chambers Clk. K.t Co.ty

Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday in April then next.

At which said second Tuesday of April, seventeen hundred and eighty seven, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid: And the said State by her Attorney aforesaid, prayed that the said Samuel Earle to her Declaration afs.d might answer; Whereupon it was ruled by the Court, at the prayer of the said State, that the said Samuel should answer unto the Declaration aforesaid by the second Tuesday in September then next; and it was said to the said Samuel, that if he should not answer by the time aforesaid; Judgment should be rendered against him by default: The same day was given to the said State for the use of Robert Millegan there, &c.

And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September, seventeen hundred and eighty seven, come again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid: And the said Samuel by his Attorney aforesaid, saith that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the said State, nor can he deny but that he detains the from the said State the aforesaid sum of three thousand pounds current money, in such manner and form as the said State above against him hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said State do recover against the said Samuel Earle the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid acknowledged; and also the quantity of seven hundred and twenty eight pounds of Tobacco, as well for her damages which she hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that debt; as for her Costs