to the said Joseph and Archibald when thereto afterwards he should be required. Nevertheless the said John altho' often requi:red the aforesaid Two hundred and seventy four pounds, two shillings and four pence to the said Joseph and Archibald, or to either of them hath not paid, but the same to them to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Joseph and Archibald Five hundred pounds current money of Maryland & thereupon they pray remedy, &c.

Pledges, &c. John Doe & Richard Roe.

And now here at this day, to wit, the Monday before the second Tues:day of March, in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty five, comes here as well the said Joseph Sturgis and Archibald Sheilds by William Tilghman their Attorney; as the said John Dockery Thompson by Peregrine Letsbury his Attorney, and the said John Dockery Thompson by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth; and prays leave to imparle hereto until next Court & he hath it 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 aforesaid, comes again the said parties Plaintiffs 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 said Plaintiffs 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 Plaintiffs & Defendant by their Attornies aforesaid & the said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle hereto until next Court; & he hath it: the same 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, One thousand seven hundred and eighty six, comes again as well the said Joseph Sturgis and Archibald Sheilds by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said John Dockery Thompson by his Attorney aforesaid: And the said John Dockery Thompson by his Attorney aforesaid produceth to the Court here the following Bertiorari the Tenor whereof is as hereto subjoined, to wit. State of Maryland. To the Justices of Cecil County Court Greeting. Whereas John Dockery Thompson Gentleman one of the Justices of the said Court present ... in the same Court in his proper person was complained against by Bill, of Joseph Sturgis and Archibald Sheilds of a plea of Debt for two hundred and seventy four pounds, two shillings and four pence current money which said plea, as it is said is still depending before you our said Justices in our said County Court undetermined, and we being desirous for certain reasons that the Record of the proceedings in the plea aforesaid, should by you be certified to us: Do Command you that you send under your seals the Record of the proceedings aforesaid with all things touching the same into our Gener:al Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court House the second Tuesday of April next plainly and distinctly and in as full and ample manner as it now remains before you together with this writ, so that we may be able thereon to proceed and to do what shall appear to us of right ought to be done. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Chief Judge of our said Court this twenty fourth day of Septem:ber Anno Domini 1705.

Issued 13th March 1706. P.L. James Earle Clk.

Thereupon it is ordered by the Court aforesaid that the record and proceedings with all things thereto relating be transmitted according.

R. Williams Clk.