And the said Ann Mercer by William Tilghman her Attorney comes & Defends the force & injury when & so forth and prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court & she 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 Plaintiff & Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by her Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court & she 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 October in the year aforesaid Comes again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by her Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court & she 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 March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty seven Comes again as well the said Thomas McClure Exor as afsd by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Ann Mercer by her Attorney aforesaid and the said Ann Mercer by her Attorney aforesaid (as before) further Defends the force & injury when & so forth & produces to the Court now here the following Habeas Corpus, to wit

(Seal) The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Talbot County Greeting Whereas a certain Ann Mercer is detained in the Prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Thomas McClure Executor of the last will and Testament of John Bolton Deceased of a plea of Debt which said plea as it is sayd still depends before you our said Justices undetermined, and we being willing for divers Causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid shall be heard & Determined before the Judges of our General Court Therefore we Command you that you have the body of the said Ann Mercer by whatsoever name or names she may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the cause of her Caption & Detention & 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 our said General Court may further Proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your Peril & have you then and there this Writ

Witness the Honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esqr Chief Judge of our said Court this sixth day of October Anno Domini 1786

Issued the 26th day of February (Ins.) 1787 James Earle Clk

Therefore it is ordered by the Court now here that the Record & Proceedings with all things thereunto relating be transmitted accordingly

Test B Williams

In Testimony That the above is a true Copy from the Records & Proceedings of Said County Court I have hereto set my hand & affixed the Seal of my Office of the County aforesaid this 31st day of March 1787.

(Seal) B William Clk"

And the Sheriff of the County aforesaid also came and made return that he had then and there the body of the said Ann Mercer agreeable to the Exigence of the same Writ; And thereupon came as well the said Thomas McClure Executor as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Ann Mercer by her Attorney aforesaid: And the said Ann Mercer by her Attorney afsd defended the wrong and injury when and so forth and prayed the liberty of imparling therein until the second Tuesday of September then next; and it was granted unto him the same day was given to the afsd Thomas McClure then and so forth. — At which day, to wit; the said second Tuesday in September came again As well the said Thomas McClure Exor as afsd as the said Ann Mercer by their Attorneys aforesaid: And thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid by the Consent of the Parties and their Attorneys afsd and by order of the Court here thereon was continued untill the second Tuesday in April then next following.

And now here at this day, to wit the said second Tuesday in April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the said Thomas McClure Executor as aforesaid by his Attorney afsd as the said Ann Mercer by her Attorney aforesaid. Nevertheless the said Ann Mercer by her Attorney relinquishing the Government above by her pretended saith that she cannot deny the action aforesaid of the said Thomas McClure Executor as aforesaid so as aforesaid against her brought but that she owes to him the said Thomas McClure Executor as aforesaid the sum of five hundred and seventy pounds lawful money in manner and form as the said Thomas McClure Executor as aforesaid above against her hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Thomas McClure Executor as aforesaid do recover against the said Ann Mercer the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged as also the Quantity of five hundred and seventy three pounds of Tobacco as well for his damages which he hath sustained by Occasion of the Detention of that Debt as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended with his Assent Adjudged &c. And the said Ann Mercer in mercy &c.

James Earle Clk

Judgment was confessed in this Action on the fifteenth day of April Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight for Penalty to be released on payment of principal Interest and Costs with a Stay of Execution till September term then next payments if any to be allowed.