At which said day, to wit, the second Tuesday in April being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County in Compliance with the writ aforesaid made return thereof to the Court Here with the following Record annexed, to wit. — Cecil County Sc.

At a County Court held in & for Cecil County in the State of Maryland at the Court House in Charles Town on the Monday before the second Tuesday of March being the twelfth day of the same Month & in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred & eighty seven by & before the Justices of the same Court and other Officers thereunto duly & legally assigned Commissioned & Sworn &c.

Present The Worshipfull Joseph Gilpin, Stephen Hyland, Samuel Miller, Patrick Ewing, William Matthews, Peter Lawson, Sidney George, Nathan Norton, Jeremiah Baker, Nathaniel Ramsey, Michael Wallace & Tobias Rudulph Jr., Elihu Hall, Gentlemen, Justices,

Archibald Job Esqr. Sheriff — P. Williams Clk

In the Records & Proceedings of the Court amongst others was this following to wit

T. Thomas Fisher, Samuel Fisher, John Morton & Joseph Hilbourn Assrs of Richard Ellis — vs. S. William Stoops. — Cecil County Sc. Be it Remembered that heretofore, to wit, the Tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty six Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take William Stoops the Younger late of Cecil County Taylor otherwise called William Stoops Jr. of Cecil County & State of Maryland Taylor if he should be found in his Bailiwick & him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of our County to be held in and for the County aforesaid at the Court House in Charles Town on the Monday before the second Tuesday of March then next to answer unto Thomas Fisher, Samuel Fisher, John Morton, & Hilbourn Assignees of Richard Ellis according to the form & effect of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided of a plea that he render unto them sixty two pounds seventeen shillings & two pence Lawfull Money of Maryland which to them he owes, & unjustly detains & so forth And that thereof he the said Sheriff was not to fail, & that he should have then & there that Writ &c.

And now here at this day, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty six being the Day of the return of the aforegoing return comes the said Plaintiffs by William Tilghman their Attorney & the Sheriff of Cecil County to whom the same writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court now here thus Endorsed, to wit. Cepi & Lich.d Job Shff.

And the said William Stoops being called upon appears & at the prayer of the Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid is adjudged to give special Bail to the action aforesaid Thereupon a certain John Stoops of Cecil County present herein Court in his proper person undertakes for the said William that in case the said Thomas, Samuel, John & Joseph shall recover Judgment against the said William in the Plea aforesaid or that he the said William shall be therein legally convict that then the said William shall pay the condemnation of the Court thereupon or deliver himself to the custody of the Sheriff of Cecil County in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said John Stoops will do it for him. — And the said Thomas, Samuel John & Joseph by their Attorney aforesaid Declared against the said William Stoops in the plea aforesaid as follows, to wit — Cecil County Sc. William Stoops the younger late of Cecil County Taylor otherwise called William Stoops Jr. of Cecil County & State of Maryland Taylor was summoned to answer unto Thomas Fisher, Samuel Fisher, John Morton & Joseph Hilbourn Assignees of Richard Ellis according to the form and effect of the Act of Assembly in such case made & provided of a plea that he render unto them Sixty two pounds seventeen Shillings & two pence Lawfull Money of Maryland which to them he owes & unjustly detains & so forth — And thereupon the said Thomas Fisher, Samuel Fisher, John Morton & Joseph Hilbourn by William Tilghman their Attorney say that whereas the said William Stoops the younger on the twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty three at the County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory had Granted himself to be held and firmly bound to the said Richard Ellis in the sum of sixty two pounds seventeen shillings & two pence Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said Richard when he should be thereto afterwards required the said Richard afterwards, to wit, on the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty three at the County aforesaid (having first made oath before John Leach Wright Esquire one of the Justices of the County aforesaid that he had not directly or indirectly received any part or parcel of the said Bond or taken any thing in Security or Satisfaction for the same) by a writing on the said Writing Obligatory made and endorsed with the proper hand of the said Richard subscribed & with his Seal sealed bearing date the day and year last aforesaid according to the force form & effect of the Act of Assembly in such case made and Provided that the said writing Obligatory and the aforesaid sum of sixty two pounds seventeen Shillings & two pence unto them the said Thomas Samuel John and Joseph did Assign whereof the said William then & there had notice By Virtue whereof & also by force of the Act of Assembly aforesaid action hath accrued to them the said Thomas, Samuel,