said 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 and determined before the Judges of the General Court We therefore command you that you have the body of the said Hezekiah Cooper by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the Plea afs'd together with the cause of his caption and detention and 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 April next that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to justice appertains &c. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you there and there this Writ Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.r Chief Judge of our said General Court this twelfth day of September Anno Dominii 1786.

Issued the 31st January 1787. (PL) James Earle Clk

At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and eighty seven being the day of the same month and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid in compliance with the Writ afs.d made return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed viz.t

The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County Greeting

Whereas a certain Hezekiah Cooper is detained in the Prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the Suit of a certain James Ringgold in a Plea of Debt 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 aforesaid shall be heard and Determined before the Judges of the General Court We therefore command you that you have the body of the said Hezekiah Cooper by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the Plea afores.d together with the cause of his caption and 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 April next that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains &c. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you there and there this Writ Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.r Chief Judge of our said General Court this twelfth day of September Anno Dominii 1786

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The Execution of the above writ appears by the following Proceedings

The Answer of John Scott, James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt, Richard Graves, John Woodland, John Page, Donaldson Yeates, John Thomas, James Henry, and Jeremiah Nicols Esq.rs Justices of the Peace for Kent County and George Hanson Esq.r high Sheriff of the same County

We John Scott, James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt Richard Graves, John Woodland, John Page Donaldson Yeates, John Thomas James Henry & Jeremiah Nicols Justices as afor.d & George Hanson high Sheriff To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland, Certify That Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the Monday before the third Tuesday of October seventeen hundred and eighty five that he should take Hezekiah Cooper late of Kent County Merchant if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the Monday before the third Tuesday of March next to answer unto James Ringgold of a Plea that he render unto him Eight hundred & twenty Pounds in Silver and Gold of the value of the like sum of current money of Maryland which from him he unjustly detains &c. forth. At which said monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and Eighty six came the afs.d James Ringgold by Thomas Beddingfield Hans his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ afs.d to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows, to wit "Exp.d Geo: Hanson Shff."

Thereupon Daniel Turner of the same County Farmer in his Proper person here in Court did come and became Pledge and Security for Hezekiah Cooper that if it should so happen to the said Hezekiah Cooper to be convicted in the Plea afs.d that then the same Security granted as well the Debt afs.d as the Damages Costs and Charges which to the said James Ringgold in the Plea afs.d should be adjudged of the Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements of the same Daniel Turner to be made and for the use of the same James Ringgold to be levied if it should happen that the said Hezekiah Cooper the Debt and Damages Costs and Charges of the same James Ringgold in the Plea afs.d should not pay or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County on that occasion render And now here, to wit, came the afs.d Hezekiah Cooper by Peregrine Lethenbery his Attorney, and the afs.d James Ringgold by his Attorney afs.d offered himself against the said Hezekiah Cooper in the Plea afs.d and complained thereof against him in the following Terms viz.t Kent County S.s

The said Hezekiah Cooper late of Kent County Merchant was summoned to answer unto James Ringgold of a Plea that he render unto him the sum of Eight hundred and twenty Pounds in Silver and Gold of the Value of the like sum of Current money of Maryland which from he unjustly detains and so forth. And Whereupon the afs.d James by Thomas Beddingfield Hands his Attorney saith that whereas the afs.d Hezekiah the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two at Kent County afs.d by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the afs.d James in the full and just sum of eight hundred and twenty Pounds in Silver and Gold of the value of the like sum of Current money of Maryland to be paid unto him the