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 our General Court, We therefore command you that you have the body of the said Samuel Mansfield by whatsoever manner names he may be called in the Plea aforesaid 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.d Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.r Chief Judge of our said General Court this twelfth day of September Anno Domini 1786.

Issued the 31st Decr 1787. P.L. James Earle Clk

At which said second Tuesday of 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 in compliance with the Writ aforesaid made return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed, to wit;

The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County Greeting: Whereas (Seal) a certain Samuel Mansfield 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 our General Court, We therefore command you, that you have the Body of the said Samuel Mansfield by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the Plea aforesaid, 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.d Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.r Chief Judge of our said General Court this twelfth day of September Anno Domini 1786. Issued the 31st Decr 1787. James Earle Clk P.L.

The Execution of the above Writ appears from the following Proceedings

The answer of John Scott James Clowsley Morgan Hurtt Richard Graves John Woodland, 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 Clowsley Morgan Hurtt Richard Graves John Woodland John Page Donaldson Yeates John Thomas James Henry and Jeremiah Nicols Justices as aforesaid & 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 Samuel Mansfield late of Kent County farmer 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 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 him he unjustly detains &c.a At which said monday before the third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and eighty six came the afsd James Ringgold by his Attorney Thomas Bedingfield Hands and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ aforesaid to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows to wit "Exd Geo: Hanson Shff." Thereupon Daniel Turner of the same County farmer here in his proper Person into Court did come and became Pledge and Security for Samuel Mansfield that if it should so happen to the same Samuel Mansfield to be convicted in the Plea afsd that then the Same Security granted as well the Debt afsd as all the damages Costs and Charges Which to the said James Ringgold in the Plea aforesaid 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 so happen that the said Samuel Mansfield the Debt and Damages Costs and Charges of the same James Ringgold in the Plea afsd 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 afsd Samuel Mansfield by Reginald Letherbury his Attorney and the afsd James Ringgold by his Attorney afsd offered himself against the said Samuel Mansfield in the Plea afsd and Complained thereof against him in the following Form, to wit. Kent County ss: Samuel Mansfield late of Kent County Farmer 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 him he unjustly Detains &c.a And Whereupon the said James By Thomas Bedingfield Hands his Attorney sayth that Whereas the afsd Samuel on the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one