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 in Talbot County at the Court House in the County afs.d the second Tuesday of April next that our Judges of our said General Court may further Proceed therein as to Justice appertains &c.

Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness the Hon.ble Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.re Chief Judge of our said Court this sixth day of October Anno Dominii 1786. Issued this 6th day of March 1787. (P.P.) James Earle Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty seven, being 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 & Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting.

(Seal) Whereas a certain William Gale late of Kent County Planter is detained in the Prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the Suit of a certain Thomas Bowers of a Plea that he render unto him the sum of four hundred and forty six Pounds and six pence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth — 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 afd undetermined as found shall be heard and Determined before the Judges of our General Court: Therefore we command you that you have the body of the said William Gale by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the Plea afs.d together with the Cause of his Caption, Detention and 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 &c.

Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Hon.ble Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.re Chief Judge of our said Court this sixth day of October Anno Dominii 1786. Issued this sixth day of March 1787 (P.P.) James Earle Clk.

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 Esquires Justices of the Peace for Kent County and George Hanson Esquire high Sheriff of the same County. We John Scott, James Claypoole, Morgan Hurtt, Richard Graves, John Woodland, John Page, Donaldson Yeates, John Thomas, [illegible] Henry, Justices as aforesaid and George Hanson high Sheriff (To the Honorable the

Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of Maryland Certify That Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the monday before the third Tuesday of October seventeen hundred & eighty five that he should take William Gale late of Kent County Planter 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 Thomas Bowers of a plea that he render unto him the sum of four hundred and forty six pounds and six pence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. At which said monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty six came the afd Thomas Bowers by Peregrine Letsbury his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ aforesaid to the Court here thereon Indorsed as follows Cepi Geo: Hanson Sheriff.

Thereupon Marmaduke Medford of Kent County, farmer, in his proper person here into Court did come and became Pledge and Security for the said William Gale that if it should happen to the said William Gale to be convicted in the Plea afores.d that then the same security granted as well debt afd as all the damages costs and charges which to the said Thomas Bowers in the plea afs.d should be adjudged of the Goods and Chattles Lands and Tenements of the same Marmaduke Medford to be made and for the use of the said Thomas Bowers to be levied if it should happen that the said William Gale the Debt and Damages Costs and charges of the same Thomas Bowers in the plea afd should not pay or himself into the custody of the sheriff of Kent County on that occasion. And the afd Thomas by his Attorney afd offered himself against the said William in the Plea afd and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit: William Gale late of Kent County planter was summoned to answer unto Thomas Bowers of a plea that he render unto him the sum of four hundred and forty six pounds and six pence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Thomas Bowers by Peregrine Letsbury his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid William Gale on the seventh day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four at Kent County afs.d by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Thomas Bowers in the afd sum of four hundred and forty six pounds and six pence current money to be paid to the said Thomas Bowers when afterwards he should be thereunto required Nevertheless the said William Gale altho often thereunto required the afd sum of four hundred & forty six pounds & six pence current money to the said Thomas Bowers hath not rendered or paid but the same