next plainly and distinctly and in as full and ample manner as it now remains before you together with this writ so that we may be able thereupon to proceed and to do what shall appear to us of right ought to be done: Witness the honorable Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire one of the Judges of our said General Court this twenty sixth day of April Anno Domini 1787.

Issued the 11th day of July 1787. James Earle Clk.

Copy of the Writ here follows in these words, to wit: Queen Anns County to wit;

(Seal) The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of Queen Anns County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded that you take John Ruth late of Queen Anns County if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his Body before the Justices of the next County Court to be held for Queen Anns County at Chester Mill in the County aforesaid, the Monday before the fourth Tuesday in March next answer unto Charles Pope & John Commegys of a Plea that he render unto them the sum of two hundred & twenty one Pounds nine shillings and eight Pence current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. Thereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness John Brown Esqr. chief Justice of the said Court this 28th day of Oct. Anno Domini 1786.

Issued 17th day of March 1787. Sam Wright Clk.

Queen Anns County, to wit: I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true Transcript from the Records of the Proceedings in the foregoing Action &

(Seal of Queen Anns County)

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my Hand & affixed the Seal of the County aforesaid this 7th day of September Anno Domini 1787. Sam: Wright Clk. of Queen Anns County.

And the said Charles Pope and John Commegys by Robert Wright their Attorney and the said John Ruth by Peregrine Letherbury his Attorney came here into Court and thereupon further process of and upon the Premises aforesaid between the Parties

aforesaid by the Consent of the said Parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon, was continued until the second Tuesday in April then next following. At which said day to wit: the second Tuesday in April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight here came again the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; and thereupon further process of and upon the Premises aforesaid between the Parties aforesaid by the Consent of the said Parties and their Attornies aforesaid and by order of the Court here thereon was continued until the second Tuesday of September next following.

And now here at this day to wit; the said second Tuesday of September, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight, here come again as well the said Charles Pope and John Commegys as the said John Ruth by their Attornies aforesaid; and the said Charles Pope and John Commegys by their Attorney afsd. affile their Declaration in the Plea aforesaid against the said John Ruth which ensues in manner and form following, to wit:

The Eastern Shore of Maryland Queen Anns County, to wit } John Ruth late of Queen Anns County was summoned to answer unto Charles Pope and John Commegys of a Plea that he render unto them the sum of two hundred and twenty one Pounds nine shillings and eight pence Current Money which to them he owes and from them unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Charles Pope and John Commegys by Robert Wright their Attorney say that whereas the aforesaid John Ruth on the seventh day of April seventeen hundred and eighty six at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain Bill Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Charles Pope and John Commegs in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and twenty one Pounds nine shillings and eight Pence Current Money to be paid to the said Charles and John when thereto afterwards he should be required and to the same payment