April in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine; To be released on payment of £73: 13: 4. current money with Interest thereon from 10th October 1776. till paid and costs, value confessed as laid in the writ. —

William Brown against Philip Reed

Be it remembered that the Defendant in this Cause by Turbutt Wright his Attorney sued out the State's writ of Habeas Corpus which ensues as follows, to wit

"The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting: Whereas a certain Philip Reed is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain William Browne, of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two thousand one hundred and forty four pounds Current money of Maryland, which to him he owes & unjustly detains &c. 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. Therefore we command you, that you have the body of the said Philip Reed 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 thereto relating before the Judges of the 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 Court may further proceed therein as to justice appertains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court this twenty eighth day of September Anno Domini 17[illegible]7.

Issued the 16th day of October 1787.

(Tt.) James Earle Clk:"

At which said second Tuesday in April in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, in compliance with the said writ made return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed, to wit.

"The execution of the above Writ appears by the following Proceedings.

The answer of John Scott James Blayspoole, Richard Graves, John Woodland,

Donaldson Yeates John Page, John Thomas, James Henry Jeremiah Nicols & William Grindage Justices of the peace for Kent County and George Hanson high Sheriff of the same County — We John Scott James Blayspoole, Richard Graves John Woodland Donaldson Yeates, John Page, John Thomas, James Henry Jeremiah Nicols and William Grindage Justices as afs.d and 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 June Seventeen hundred and eighty six that he should take Philip Reed late of Kent County Farmer otherwise called Philip Reed of Kent County in the State of Maryland 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 October next, to answer unto William Brown of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two thousand one hundred and forty four pounds current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth.

At which said monday before the third tuesday in October Seventeen hundred and eighty six came the afs.d William Brown by Thomas Bedingfield hands 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 to wit Execd. Geo: Hanson Shff. And the afs.d Philip Reed by Turbutt Wright his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth. And the afs.d William by his Attorney afs.d offered himself against the afs.d Philip in the action afs.d and complained thereof against him in the following words to wit. Philip Reed late of Kent County farmer otherwise called Philip Reed of Kent County and State of Maryland farmer, was summoned to answer unto William Browne, of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two thousand one hundred and forty four pounds current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth

And whereupon the said William by Thomas Bedingfield Hands his Attorney saith that whereas the afs.d Philip on the eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty six at Kent County afs.d by his certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly