William Tilghman their Attorney pray the following writ and to them it is granted in these words. The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting: Whereas Benjamin Morgan & William Slubey lately in our Court held for Kent County at the court house in the Town of Chester in said County on the Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty four before John Scott Esqr. and his associate justices of the same court and by the judgment of the same Court hath recovered judgment against Joseph Exel Thomas late of Kent County Farmer for the sum of Two hundred and eight Pounds eighteen Shillings and six Pence Current Money Debt and three hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco Damages, which they have sustained as well by the detention of that Debt, as for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this part apposed whereof the said Joseph Exel Thomas is convicted as by the Record and process thereof remaining in our said Court manifestly appeareth. Nevertheless Execution of the Debt and Damages afs. to the afs. Benjamin & William yet remains to be made as from the insinuation of the afs. Benjamin & William we have received wherefore the afs. Benjamin and William hath besought us that due remedy unto them in that part may be provided and we being willing that those things which are in our Court should be rightly done Command you that by good and lawfull men of your Bailiwick you make known unto the afs. Joseph Exel Thomas that he be and appear 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 shew cause (if any he hath or knoweth to say) why the afs. Benjamin and William execution of the Debt and Damages afs. against him to have ought not if to them it should seem expedient and have you then and there the names of those by whom you shall make the same known unto them and this writ. Witness John Scott Esqr. presiding Justice of our said Court the sixth day of October Seventeen hundred and eighty six

Ben Chambers Clk.

Issued the 6th day of December 1786.

And now here, to wit; on the Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty seven came the afs. Benjamin Morgan & William Slubey by William Tilghman their Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ afs. to the court here thereon indorsed as follows to wit: By Virtue of the within Writ to me directed I hereby certify



that I have made known unto the within Joseph Exel Thomas by Richard Willis Senior and Richard Willis Junior good and lawful men of my Bailiwick that he be and appear before the justices of our next County Court to be held at the time and place within mentioned to shew cause why Execution should not be had against him according to the directions of the within writ to me directed, so answers Geo: Hanson Sheriff. And the afs. Joseph Exel Thomas by Robert Wright his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the action afs. until the Monday before the third Tuesday of June next, and he had it the same day was given the afs. Benjamin and William here and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of June Seventeen hundred and eighty seven came again the parties afs. by their Attorneys afs. and the afs. Joseph by his Attorney afs. defends the force and injury when and so forth. and prayed liberty of imparling thereof to the Action afs. untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of October next, and he had it. The same day was given the afs. Benjamin & William here and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of October Seventeen hundred and eighty seven came again the Parties afs. by their Attorneys afs. and the afs. Joseph by his Attorney afs. defends the force and injury when and so forth and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action afs. untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of March next, and he had it. The same day was given the afs. Benjamin and William here and so forth. At which said Monday before the Third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty eight came again the Parties afs. by their Attorneys afs. and the afs. Joseph by his Attorney afs. alledges to the same Court that the Action afs. so as afs. depending between the said Benjamin and William Plaintiffs and him the said Joseph Defendant, is by Certiorari removed to the General Court to be held at Talbot County Court House the second Tuesday of April next of all which the said Court for the County afs. hath legal notice by certiorari amongst the proceedings of the same Court filed and allowed.—

In Testimony that the record above is a true Copy of the Record and Proceedings in the Action afs. I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed the Public Seal of Kent County afs. this 27th day of March Seventeen hundred and eighty eight— Ben Chambers Clk K. C.

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