and answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Nathan, by the second Tuesday of April then next, or that Judgment should be rendered against him by default. The same day was given to the said Nathan then and so forth —

And now here at this day, to wit: The said second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine come again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Edward Wright by his Attorney, aforesaid defends the wrong and injury when and so forth, and saith that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid so as aforesaid against him brought, nor can he deny, but that the writing obligatory, aforesaid is the Deed of him the said Edward, nor but that he owes unto the said Nathan Godwine the aforesaid sum of three hundred and one pounds fifteen shillings and one penny current money in manner and form as the said Nathan above against him hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Nathan Godwine do recover against the said Edward Wright, the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged; as also the quantity of seven hundred and seventy four pounds and one fifth of a pound of Tobacco; as well for his damages sustained by occasion of the delay of that debt as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended: Unto the said Nathan Godwine by the Court here with his assent adjudged &c. And the said Edward Wright in mercy &c. James Earle Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this Cause, on the 17th day of April Anno Domini 1789, for Penalty and Costs. To be released on payment of the Principal Interest and Costs. Payments if any allowed Stay of Execution till Sept. Term next.

Aquilla Attix against Josiah Johnson, Isaac Cannell & Robert Meeks

Be it remembered that the Defendants by Robert Wright their Attorney sued out the State's writ of Habeas Corpus, the tenor whereof follows, to wit: The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting: Whereas certain Josiah Johnson, Isaac Cannell & Robert Meeks are detained in the Prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of Aquila Attix of a Plea that they render unto him the sum of Two hundred and twenty five Pounds Current Money, 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 Josiah Johnson, Isaac Cannell & Robert Meeks by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the Plea aforesaid together with the Cause of their Caption and detention, and all things thereunto 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. Witness the honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esq. Chief Judge of our said Court this twenty eighth day of September Anno Domini 1787. Issued the 5th day of March 1788. James Earle Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of 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 aforesaid in compliance with the same 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 Claypoole, 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 Claypoole, Richard Graves, John Woodland, Donaldson Yeates, John Page, John Thomas, James Henry, Jeremiah Nicols, and William Grindage Justices as afs. 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 October Seventeen hundred and eighty six, that he should take Josiah Johnson, Isaac Cannell and Robert Meeks late of Kent County Planters, if they should be found in his bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their bodies 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 Aquilla Attix of a Plea that they render unto him the sum of two hundred and twenty five pounds current Money which to him they owe and unjustly detain and so forth — At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and eighty seven, came the afs. Aquilla Attix by Ruguine Litherbury his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ afs. to the Court here thereon indorsed