James Gould against John Ruth & James Ruth Senior.

Be it remembered that on the thirteenth day of October Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty seven, the Defendants by Pengrine Lethibury their Attorney sued out the State's writ of Habeas Corpus the form whereof ensues in the following words & figures, to wit. "The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, Greeting. Whereas a certain John Ruth and James Ruth are detained in the Prison of our said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain James Gould of a plea of Debt, 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 by the Judges of our General Court. Therefore we command you that you have the Bodies of the said John Ruth and James Ruth, 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 our 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 General 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 honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esq.r Chief Judge of our said Court this twenty eighth day of September Anno Domini 1787. Issued the 13th day of October 1787. (PL) James Earle Clk. —

At which said second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Justices & Sheriff of Queen Anne's County a.d in compliance with the same writ made return thereof to the Court here, together with the following Record, to wit.

Queen Anne's County, to wit, At a County Court of the State of Maryland, held for Queen Anne's County, at Chester Mill in the said County, the Monday before the fourth Tuesday in October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty six By John Brown Esq.r and his associates Justices of Queen Anne's County Court duly Commissioned and Authorised to hold the same Court, of whom were present. The Worshipful Mr. John Brown, Mr. Clement Sewell, Mr. Arthur Emory, Mr. Edward Downes, Mr. John Fisher, Mr. George Baynard, Mr. James Bordley, Mr. John Thompson, Mr. Jacob Ringgold, Mr. Abraham Falconar, Mr. Pengrine Fitzhugh & Mr. James Clayland, Gent. Justices Mr. James O'Bryon Shff. Downes Clk. —

Ff. James Gould against PL. John Ruth & James Ruth

Dr. 717. 16. 1. — Copy of the writ followeth in these words, to wit. Queen Anne's County, to wit The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County Greeting: you are hereby commanded that you take John Ruth and James Ruth, late of Queen Anne's County aforesaid called John Ruth and James Ruth of Queen Anne's County, if they

shall be found in your Bailiwick and them safe keep so that you have their Bodies before the Justices of the next County Court to be held for Queen Anne's County at Chester Mill in the County a.d the Monday before the fourth Tuesday of October next to answer unto James Gould Jun.r of a plea that they render unto him the sum of seven hundred and fourteen pounds Sixteen Shillings and one penny specie which to him they owe and unjustly detain &c so forth. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then & there this writ. Witness John Brown Esq.r chief Judge of our said Court this 8th day of Aug.t Anno Dom 1786. (Issued 7th day of Oct. 1786.) (TM) Downes Clk.

At which said Court, to wit At a County Court for the County aforesaid held on the Monday before the fourth Tuesday in October Seventeen hundred and eighty six, the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County to wit James O'Bryon to the Court here sitting made his return of the writ a.d endorsed on the same writ in these words, to wit "Copi Coram me J. O'Bryon Shff."

At another time, to wit. At a County Court of the State a.d held for Queen Anne's County a.d at Chester Mill a.d in the County a.d on the Monday before the fourth Tuesday in March in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight By John Brown Esq.r and his associates Justices of the same Court duly Commissioned and authorised to hold the same Court of whom were present — The worshipful Mr. John Brown Mr. Clement Sewell Mr. Arthur Emory, Mr. Edward Downes Mr. John Fisher Mr. George Baynard Mr. John Thompson Mr. Jacob Ringgold Mr. Abraham Falconar Mr. Pengrine Fitzhugh Mr. James Clayland, & Mr. Henry Pratt. Gentlemen Justices — Mr. James O'Bryon Shff. Saml Wright Clk.

Ff. James Finley & James Gould Senr. against PL. John Ruth & James Ruth

Dr. 717. 16. 1. — The defendants in the foregoing Cause by Pengrine Lethebury their Attorney to the Court here now sitting presents the State's writ of Habeas Corpus which he prays may be allowed, and complied with agreeable to the command specified in the said Habeas Corpus. And whereupon the Court here present upon mature Consideration do allow the same, and Order that a Transcript of all things thereunto relating as the Records and Proceedings of the Court may fully manifest be, before the Judges of the General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State and so forth — Copy of the Writ of Habeas Corpus followeth in these words, to wit.

(Seal of the Gov.r for the B.S. affixed) The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Queen Anne's County Greeting. Whereas a certain John Ruth and James Ruth are detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain James Finley and James Gould of a plea of