Pril 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 1787.

Issued the 12th day of October 1787. — (N.H.) 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 and Sheriff of Caroline County aforesaid, in compliance with the said Writ made return thereof to the Court here together with the following Record to wit:

The State of Maryland. At a County Court of the said State held for Caroline County at Melvills warehouse in the County aſd on the Monday before the third Tuesday of October in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven By the said State's Commissioners and other Officers authorized and empowered to hold the same Court Of whom were Present, The worshipful Messrs. Matthew Driver, Philemon Dawson Labdiel Potter, Thomas Hughlett Joseph Richardson Peter Edmondson John Stevens & John Hardcastle Justices.

William Banches Shff. William Richardson Clk.

William Killen } Caroline County, ſs. command was given to the Sheriff of
aſt. } Caroline County the twenty fifth day of September in the
Thomas Shields } year seventeen hundred and eighty six that he should take Thomas Shields late of Caroline County, Merchant, otherwise called Thomas Shields of Kent County on Delaware Merchant, if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Melvills warehouse on the Monday before the third tuesday in October then next, to answer unto William Killen of a plea that he render unto him the penal sum of one hundred and thirty two pounds eight shillings lawful Money of the Delaware State, of the value of one hundred and thirty two pounds eight shillings Current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. so forth. And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail &c. so forth — At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of October came the aſd Plaintiff by Richard Bassett his Attorney And the Sheriff of Caroline County to whom the said writ was directed also came and made return thereof thus endorsed viz.t Cepi Wm Banches Shff. And the aſd Thomas Shields being called upon appeared. Whereupon at the prayer of the Plaintiff by his Attorney he is adjudged to give Special Bail to the action aſd Thereupon Joseph Richardson of Caroline County Gentleman came into the Court before the Justices aſd in his Proper Person and became Pledge and Mainpeaptor for the said Thomas Shields

that if it should happen that the same Thomas in the plea aſd should be convicted then the same Joseph granted that the Debt aſd as all such Damages which unto the aſd Plaintiff in this part should be adjudged of his Lands and Chattels should be made and to the use of the aſd Plaintiff levied, if it should happen that the same Thomas the Debt and Damages aſd unto the aſd Plaintiff should not pay or himself to the Public Prison of Caroline County aſd by that occasion should not render. And the aſd Thomas Shields by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney came and defended the force and injury when &c. so forth and prayed Liberty of imparling thereof here until the Monday before the third Tuesday in March next, and he had it, the same day was given to the Plaintiff here &c. so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in March came as well the aſd Plaintiff by his said Attorney, as the aſd Defendant by his said Attorney, and the aſd Defendant prayed further Liberty of imparling thereof here until the Monday before the third Tuesday in June next and he had it, the same day was given to the aſd Plaintiff here &c. so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in June came as well the aſd Plaintiff by his said Attorney as the aſd Defendant by his said Attorney and the aſd Plaintiff offered himself against the said Defendant in the plea aſd and complained in manner and form following, to wit, Caroline County ſs. Thomas Shields late of Caroline County Merchant, otherwise called Thomas Shields of Kent County on Delaware Merchant was summoned to answer unto William Killen of a plea that he render unto him the Penal sum of one hundred and thirty two Pounds eight Shillings lawful money of the Delaware State of the value of one hundred and thirty two pounds eight shillings Current Money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. so forth — And whereupon the said William by Richard Bassett his Attorney says that the aſd Thomas on the eighth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty four at the County aſd by his certain Bill Obligatory which the aſd William with the seal of the aſd Thomas sealed here into Court doth bring the date whereof is the same day and year aſd acknowledged himself to owe unto the aſd William the sum of sixty six pounds four shillings lawful Money of the Delaware State (which said sum of sixty six pounds four shillings lawful money of the Delaware State the aſd William in fact says was at the time of making the Bill Obligatory aſd and ever since hath been and still is of the value of sixty six Pounds four shillings lawful money of Maryland) to be paid to the said William his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns at or upon the eighth day of January next ensuing the date of the said Bill Obligatory with Lawful Interest for the same from the date of the said Bill Obligatory