for the true payment whereof the aſd Thomas did bind himself his Heirs Execu-
tors and Administrators in the Penal sum of one hundred and thirty two
pounds eight shillings like Money of the Delaware State, which said sum of One
hundred and thirty two pounds eight shillings like 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 one hundred and thirty two pounds
eight shillings Current lawful money of Maryland, firmly by the said Bill. And
the aſd William in fact says that the aſd Thomas did not pay unto him the aſd sum
of sixty six pounds four shillings lawful money of the Delaware State or any part
thereof or the value thereof at or upon the eighth day of January next ensuing the
Date of the said Bill nor at any time before or since altho' to do the same by the said
William the aſd Thomas on the ninth day of January in the year Seventeen hundred
and eighty five, and often afterwards at the County aſd was required) whereby Action
hath accrued unto the aſd William to demand and have of the aſd Thomas the aſd
penal sum of one hundred and thirty two pounds eight shillings Nevertheless
the said Thomas (altho' often required) the aſd penal sum of one hundred and thirty
two pounds eight Shillings lawful money of the Delaware State or any part thereof
nor the value thereof unto the aſd William yet hath not paid but the same or any
part thereof unto him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth re-
fuse to the Damage of the said William one hundred pounds lawful money of
Maryland and thereupon he brings suit &c Pledges &c John Doe Richd Roe
And the aſd Plaintiff by his said Attorney prayed that the aſd Defendant to his
Declaration aſd may answer one or before the Monday before the third Tuesday in
October next the same day was given him therefore &c forth — and likewise to the
aſd Plaintiff here &c forth. And now here at this day to wit the Monday before the
third Tuesday in October, in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty seven cometh
as well the aſd Plaintiff by his said Attorney, as the aſd Defendant by his said Atto-
-rney And thereupon the aſd Defendant by his said Attorney produceth to the
Court here the State's Writ of Habeas Corpus in these words and figures following
to wit, The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Caroline County
Greeting. Whereas a certain Thomas Shields is detained in the Prison of our said County
under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain William Hellen
of a Plea of Debt, (that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and thirty two pounds
eight shillings current money which from him he unjustly detains and &c forth)
which said plea as it is say'd still depends before you our said Justices undetermined,

And we being willing for divers causes that the plea aſd undetermined as aforesaid shall
shall be heard and determined by the Judges of our General Court. Therefore we com-
-mand you that you have the body of the said Thomas Shields 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 thereunto relating before the Judges
of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Tal-
bot County Court House the second Tuesday of April next, that the Judges of our
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 honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court
this twenty eighth day of September Anno Dominii 1787. James Earle Clk
Issued the 12th day of October 1787. — Which said Writ of Habeas Corpus is
by the Court here received and allowed Wm Richardson Clk

In Testimony that the aforegoing is the Tenor of the Proceedings of Caroline
County Court in the Plea aforesaid enrolled I have hereunto set
my Hand and affixed the Seal of the County aſd this fourth
day of February Seventeen hundred and eighty eight — Wm Richardson Clk

(Seal)

And the Sheriff of the County of Caroline aſd came, and also made return, that
he had then & there the body of the said Thomas Shields, agreeable to the exigence
of the said writ: And thereupon came here into Court as well the said William
Hellen by William Hayward his Attorney as the said Thomas Shields by his
said Attorney, and the said Thomas Shields by his aforesaid Attorney defended
the force and injury when and &c forth, and prayed the liberty of imparling thereof
until the second Tuesday of September then next following and it was granted
unto him; the same day was also given to the said William Hellen then &c forth

At which said second Tuesday of September, in the year last aſd here
came again the said Parties by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said William
Hellen by his said Attorney affiled in Court here the Bill obligatory in the Decla-
-ration of him the said William mentioned which ensues as follows, to wit.
Know all men by these Presents that we Thomas Shields and Archibald Shields
both of Kent County on Delaware Merchants are justly indebted unto William
Hellen of the said County in the just and full sum of sixty six pounds four
Shillings lawful money of the Delaware State, to be paid to the said William
Hellen his Executors Administrators or Assigns at or upon the eighth day of January
next ensuing the date of these presents, with lawful Interest for the same: To which