And the said evidence being previously heard, it is considered by the Court here, that the said Petitioner is not entitled to his freedom, and therefore he is remanded again to the service of his master John Singleton. James Earle Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 6th day of May Anno Domini 1789.

Neall Price Aaron Floyd and William Robinson against John Cockchran.

Be it remembered that on the fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven command was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County, that he should take John Cockchran late of Talbot County, Planter, otherwise called John Cockchran of Talbot County, if he should be found in his bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Judges at the then next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court-House the second Tuesday of April then next, to answer unto Niall Price Aaron Floyd and William Robinson of a plea that he render unto them five hundred and fifty six pounds sixteen shillings current money of Maryland which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril and that he should have then and there that writ &c so forth — And the said Neall Price, Aaron Floyd, and William Robinson, by William Hayward their Attorney, filed their Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said John Cockchran, which ensues as follows to wit; Maryland Talbot County ss. John Cockchran late of Talbot County Planter otherwise called John Cockchran of Talbot County in the State of Maryland was summoned to answer unto Neall Price, Aron Floyd and William Robinson of a plea that he render unto them five hundred and fifty six pounds sixteen shillings current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c so forth. And whereupon the said Neall Price Aron Floyd and William Robinson by William Hayward their Attorney say that whereas the said John on the twenty second day of June in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and eighty six at Talbot County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory which the said Neall Price Aaron Floyd and William Robinson with the Leave of the said John sealed here into Court do bring the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Neall Price, Aaron Floyd and William Robinson in the sum of

five hundred and fifty six pounds and sixteen shillings current money aforesaid to be paid unto them the said Niall Price, Aaron Floyd and William Robinson when he the said John should thereto afterwards required. Nevertheless the said John tho' often required the said sum of five hundred and fifty six pounds sixteen shillings unto the said Niall Price Aron Floyd, and William Robinson have not paid or them or either of them for the same in any sort contented but the same to them to pay hitherto hath refused and still doth refuse whereupon the said Neal Price Aron Floyd and William Robinson say they are injured and have Damage to the value of two hundred pounds current money of Maryland and therefore they bring suit &c so forth — John Doe } Pledges of Pros. &c.
Wm. Hayward for the Pltffs. R: Roe }

Oyer of the said writing Obligatory followeth to wit. Know all men by these Presents that we John Cockchran of Talbot County and Jeremiah Colston of Caroline County in the State of Maryland are — and firmly bound unto Neal Price Aron Floyd & William Robertson of Caroline County and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of Five hundred & fifty six pounds sixteen shillings Current Money of Maryland to be paid to the said Neal Price Aron Floyd and William Robinson or their certain Attorney, Executors Administrators or Assigns. To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors and Administrators for and in the whole, firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and Dated this Twenty second day of June Seventeen hundred and eighty six. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounded John Cockchran and Jeremiah Colston their Heirs Executors Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to Neal Price Aron Floyd & William Robinson their certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of Two hundred Seventy eight pounds eight shillings Current money of Maryland with Legal Interest thereon from the date hereof then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue. John Cockchran (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of } Jere: Colston (Seal)
Giles Hicks Junr. Philip Cason } £278. 8. 0.

Copies of which said Declaration & Bond were made & sent with the writ in the Plea aforesaid. At which said second Tuesday of April, in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforesaid writ, here came the said Plaintiffs by their Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of