and eighty eight being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Justices and Sheriff of Talbot County aforesaid in compliance with the said writ made return thereof to the Court here with the following record, to wit, — "In the Records and Proceedings of Talbot County Court it is amongst other things enrolled as follows to wit. —

Talbot County to wit. At a County Court of the State of Maryland held for Talbot County, at the Court House in the said County, on the Monday before the first Tuesday in November in the year of our Lord, One thousand Seven hundred and eighty seven, before the Justices of the same State duly Commissioned and assigned to keep the Peace in the County afsd. of whom were present. The Worshipful John Bracco, Jeremiah Banning, Richard Johns, William Dawson, Hugh Sherwood, Charles Gardiner, James Thomas, John Roberts, & Peter Webb Esquires Benjn. Stevens Gth. Daniel Powell Cox Esqr. Sheriff —

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Charles Stewart . . } command was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County the third day of November in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty six, that he should take Charles Stewart late of Talbot County Planter, if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him in his Custody should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of Talbot County Court, at the Court House in the said County on the Monday before the first Tuesday of in November next following, to answer unto Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife of a plea that he render unto them two hundred and one pounds sixteen shillings specie Current Money of Maryland which to them he owes and unjustly detains &c. And that he should then & there have that writ. — At which mentioned day to wit, the said Monday before the first Tuesday in November in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty six here came the said Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife, by William Hayward their Attorney, and Daniel Powell Cox the sheriff of the County afsd. to the Court here made return that he had taken the body of the said Charles Stewart and the same had ready according to the exigence of the said writ, and the said Charles Stewart by William Hayward Junr. his Attorney came here into Court and thereupon the said Charles Stewart at the prayer of the said Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea afsd. whereupon William Berry of Talbot County Planter came here into Court in his proper person and became Pledge and Mainpernor for the aforesaid Charles Stewart that if it should happen that Judgment by the Court here for the aforesaid Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife in the plea aforesaid against the said Charles Stewart

should be rendered, then the same William Berry granted that all such Damages Costs and Charges which unto the aforesaid Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife in this part should by the Court be adjudged: of his lands and chattels should be made and to the use of the said Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife levied if it should happen that the said Charles Stewart the said Damages Costs and Charges unto the same Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife should not pay or his Body in execution of such Judgment to the Public Prison of Talbot County aforesaid by that occasion should not render. — And thereupon day was given as well to the said Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife as to the said Charles Stewart by the Court here untill the Monday before the first Tuesday in March then next following.

At which day to wit, the Monday before the first Tuesday in March, came here again as well the said Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife as the said Charles Stewart by their Attorneys aforesaid and thereupon a further day was given as well to the said Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife as to the said Charles Stewart by the Court here untill the Monday before the first Tuesday in June then next following. — At which day to wit, the said Monday before the first Tuesday in June here came again as well the said Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife, as the said Charles Stewart by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife, by their Attorney aforesaid offered their Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Charles Stewart in manner and form following, to wit.

Talbot County Sct. Charles Stewart late of Talbot County Planter was summoned to answer unto Thomas Morgan and Elizabeth his wife of a plea that he render unto them Two hundred and one pounds sixteen shillings Specie Current money of Maryland which to them he owes and unjustly detains &c forth. — And whereupon the said Thomas and Elizabeth by Wm. Hayward their Attorney sayth that whereas the said Charles on the Seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty five at Talbot County afsd. by his certain writing obligatory which the said Thomas and Elizabeth with the Seal of the said Charles sealed here into Court do bring the date whereof is the same day and year afsd. acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Elizabeth whilst she was sole before her intermarriage with the said Thomas by the name of Elizabeth Warner in the said Sum of two hundred and one pounds sixteen shillings current money aforesaid to be paid to the said Elizabeth when he the said Charles should be thereto afterwards required, Nevertheless the said Charles tho often required the said sum