The writing obligatory whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid ensues in the following words and figures, to wit. State of Maryland Ye. Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Benny and Alexander Anderson of Talbot County are held and firmly bound unto John Jenkinson Administrator of Thomas Jordon, deceased, of the same County, in the full and just sum of Four hundred and Twenty four pounds gold or Silver to be paid unto the said John Jenkinson his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each of us our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly, and severally for and in the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this twenty first day of February One thousand Seven hundred and eighty six — The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Benjamin Benny and Alexander Anderson or either of them do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Jenkinson or his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of Two hundred and twelve pounds Gold or Silver rating Portugal half Johannesses at three pounds each, or Spanish Milled Dollars at seven Shillings and six pence each, with legal Interest for the same from the Date hereof then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue in Law.

Benjamin Benny (Seal)
Alexander Anderson (Seal)

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Joseph Parsons William Weaver

And the said Benjamin Benny by his Attorney aforesaid produces to the Court here a Writ of Habeas Corpus of the State of Maryland to the Justices and Sheriff aforesaid directed the tenor whereof ensues in the following words and figures to wit, The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Talbot County (Seal) Greeting: Whereas a certain Benjamin Benny late of Talbot County, Planter is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of John Jenkinson of a plea that he render unto him four hundred and twenty four pounds gold and Silver current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. 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 before the Judges of our General Court. Therefore we command you that you have the body of the said Benjamin Benny 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 thereto relating before the Judges of the 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 Court may further proceed therein as to justice appertains and so forth. Witness of fait not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness the Honourable Robt. Hanson Harrison Esqr. Chief Judge of our said Court this twenty eighth day of September Anno Domini 1787.

Issued the seventh day of November 1787. (Sd.) James Earle Clk.

which being read and heard the same is by the Court allowed; and it is ordered by the same Court that the Cause of the Caption and Detention of the said Benjamin Benny, together with the record and process aforesaid and all proceedings relating to the same be accordingly transmitted before the honourable the Judges of the General Court, at this Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State at Talbot County Court House on the Second Tuesday of April next ensuing that the said Judges may further proceed therein as to justice appertains and so forth.

Benjn. Stevens Clk

Talbot County, to wit I hereby certify that the proceedings in this cause as within mentioned were faithfully and exactly copied from among the Records and Proceedings of Talbot County Court now remaining in my office.

(Seal) In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Public Seal of my office this fourteenth day of March in the year 1788. —

Benjn. Stevens Clk Tal. County Court.

And the Sheriff of Talbot County aforesaid, came and also made return that he had then and there the body of the said Benjamin Benny according to the exigence of the said Writ. whereupon came here into Court as well the said John Jenkinson by William Hayward his Attorney as the said Benjamin Benny by his said Attorney, and the said Benjamin by his Attorney afsd defended the force and injury when and so forth, and prayed the liberty of imparling thereon until the Second Tuesday of September then next following; and it was granted unto him, The same day was also given to the said John then and so forth — At which said second Tuesday of September, here came again the parties afsd by their Attorneys afsd. whereupon at the prayer of the said John by his Attorney afsd it was ruled by the Court