The Bill Obligatory, whereof mention is made in the Declaration aforesaid onsues in the following words and figures, to wit. I Promise and oblige myself my Heirs Executors and Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto William M Callum or his Assigns for value received of Bowers & Bolls the sum of Forty three pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence Gold or Silver with legal Interest for the same from the Date hereof as witness my hand and seal this eighth day of February 1785. —

Test. Ja. Bowman — Henry Darden (Seal)

And the said Henry Darden by his Attorney aforesaid, produces to the Court here a writ of Habras Corpus of the State of Maryland to the Justices & 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 Greeting: Whereas a certain Henry Darden 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 William M Callum of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of forty three pounds eighteen Shillings and three pence 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 Henry Darden 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, Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then 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 Fourth day of November 1787. (H) 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 Henry Darden, together with the Record and Proceedings aforesaid and all proceedings relating to the same, be accordingly transmitted before the honourable the Judges of the General Court at their Courts to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State at Talbot 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 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 nineteenth 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 Henry Darden ready to the exigence of the same Writ, whereupon came here into Court as well the said William M Callum by William Hayward his Attorney as the said Henry Darden by his Attorney aforesaid, and the said Henry Darden by his Attorney aforesaid defended the wrong and injury when and so forth and prayed the liberty of imparling thereon until the Second Tuesday of September then next, and it was granted unto him the same day was given to the said William M Callum then and so forth.

At which said second Tuesday of September in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty eight, here come again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid whereupon at the prayer of the said William M Callum, it was ruled by the Court here that the said Henry Darden should file his plea and answer to the Declaration of the said William by the second Tuesday of April then next, or that Judgement should be rendered against him the said Henry by default the same day was also given to the said William then and so forth —

And now here at this day to wit, the said second Tuesday of April in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty nine, here come again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Henry Darden by his Attorney aforesaid defends the wrong and injury when and so forth, and says that he cannot gainsay the action of the said William M Callum, nor can he deny but that the Bill Obligatory is the Deed of him the said Henry Darden, nor but that he oweth to the said William M Callum the aforesaid sum of forty three pounds eighteen shillings current money of Maryland in manner and form as the said William against him hath complained. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said William M Callum do recover against the said Henry Darden the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged as also the quantity of eight hundred and thirty six pounds and three fifths of a Pound of Tobacco as well for his Damages which he hath sustained by