George Wilson by the said George Fletcher on the tenth day of March in the year aforesaid and often since at the County aforesaid were required whereby action hath accrued to the said George Fletcher to have and demand of the said William Goddard and George Wilson the aforesaid Penal sum of Ninety two pounds Nevertheless the said William Goddard and George Wilson although often required the aforesaid penal sum of Ninety two pounds or any part thereof to the said George Fletcher yet have not nor hath either of them paid but the same to him to pay hitherto altogether have refused and still do refuse to the damage of the said George Fletcher Ninety two pounds current money of Maryland and thereof he brings suit &c — Pledges of Prosq. John Doe & Richd. Roe —

We William Goddard & George Wilson Senr. of Somerset County in the State of Maryland do promise to pay or cause to be paid unto George Fletcher of the same place to his Heirs or Assigns the just and full sum of forty six pounds Specie on demand with legal Interest on the same until paid for value received of him to which payment well and truly to be made and done we do bind jointly and severally our Heirs & each of our Heirs Exors. & Admrs. in the penal sum of ninety two pounds Specie In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this first day of March Anno Domi 1787.

Wm. his X mark Goddard (Seal)
George his X mark Wilson Senr. (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Lewis Dalrieu.

A copy of the foregoing declaration and bill was sent with the writ in order to be served on the Defendant for speedy Trial or Judgment. At which said third Tuesday of March and year aforesaid came the aforesaid George Fletcher by his Attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff to wit John Denwood Esqr. Sheriff of the County aforesaid returned that he had taken the aforesaid William Goddard and George Wilson Senr. whose bodys here at this day he had ready to answer unto the aforesaid George Fletcher in the aforesaid plea as to him it was commanded and further the same Sheriff returned that he had served the aforesaid William Goddard & George Wilson and each of them with a copy of the aforesaid Declaration and Bill according to Act of Assembly in such case made and provided &c — Whereupon the said William Goddard & George Wilson being present here in Court in their proper persons at the prayer of the aforesaid George Fletcher were adjudged to give special Bail to the Action aforesaid. Thereupon a certain John Anderson of the County aforesaid being present here in Court in his proper person undertook for the said William Goddard and George Wilson and each of them and assumed upon himself that if it should happen that Judgment in the plea aforesaid should be rendered for the said George Fletcher against the aforesaid William Goddard and George Wilson or that they the said William Goddard and George Wilson should be therein convicted that then they the

said William Goddard and George Wilson should pay and satisfy unto the said George Fletcher the Judgment of the Court thereon or render their bodies in Execution of such Judgment to the Prison of the sheriff of the County aforesaid in satisfaction thereof or that he the said John Anderson would do the same for them &c — Whereupon the said William Goddard and George Wilson by Gustavus Scott their Attorney produced a writ of Habeas Corpus the tenor of which is as follows, Viz. The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Somerset County Greeting Whereas a certain Wm. Goddard & George Wilson late of Somerset County are Planters detained in the Prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain George Fletcher of a plea that they render unto him the sum of Ninety two pounds Current money of Maryland which said Plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined and being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court. Therefore we command you that you have the bodies of the said William Goddard and George Wilson by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the cause of their caption and detention and all things thereunto 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 then and there this writ. Witness the Honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esqr. chief Judge of our said Court this twenty eighth day of September Anno Domini 1787.

Issued the 15th day of March 1788. (Cpd.) James Earle Clk.

In Testimony that the above and within Record is a true Copy from the Records remaining in the Clerks Office of Somerset County I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office, this third day of April Anno Domi 1788.

(Seal) Thomas Hayward Clk. Co. Somr.

On the back of the said writ of Habeas Corpus was also thus endorsed, to wit.

"Somerset County to wit. In obedience to the within writ we the Justices and Sheriff within named do hereby Humbly certify to the Honble. the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of this State that we send the bodys of the said William Goddard and George Wilson Senr. together with the Cause of their Caption and Detention and all things thereto relating as appears by a certain record to this writ Annexed as we are commanded &c (Pr. Order) Thomas Hayward Clk. Co. Com. Somr."

Whereupon came here into Court as well the said George Fletcher by William Hayward