February 16th 1791 we the subscribers find the sum of one hundred and thirty nine pounds sixteen shillings and seven pence current money due to the plaintiff witness our hands the day and year above mentioned

Samuel Sharpe
Henry Goldsborough
John Roberts —

James Earle, Clk

Francis Baker for the use of Sarah Goldsborough —
against
John Roberts - - - - - - - -

The defendant in this cause by Nicholas Hammond his attorney sued out of our Eastern Shore General Court the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus which here ensues, The State of Maryland To the Justices and Sheriff of Talbot County, Greeting, whereas a certain John Roberts late of Talbot County Gentleman is detained in the prison of your said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Francis Baker, of a plea that he render unto him the just and full sum of two hundred pounds specie current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth which to our 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, should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court; therefore we command you that you have the body of the said John Roberts by whatever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of his caption and detention, and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court, to be held for the eastern shore of this State in Talbot County, at the Court house in the same, the second tuesday of September next that our said Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains, and so forth, Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire, chief Judge of our said court this 10th day of April anno Domini 1788. Issued the 20th day of July anno Domini 178

N.B.

James Earle Clk

At which said second tuesday in September to wit in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty eight being the day for the return of the aforegoing writ of Habeas

Corpus came into our said court here the said Francis Baker, by Gustavus Scott his attorney and the Justices and Sheriff of Talbot County aforesaid in Obedience to the Commands of the said writ made return of the same with the following record and proceedings thereto annexed,

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 June in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty eight before the Justices of the same State duly Commissioned and qualified to keep the peace in the said County of whom were present,

The Worshipfull, Mr. John Braun, Mr. Jew. Banning, Mr. Richard Johns, Mr. Wm. Dawson, Mr. Wolverton Gibson, Mr. Hugh Sherwood, Mr. Charles Gardiner, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. John Roberts Jr., Mr. Peter Webb — Justices.

Danl. Powell Coxe Esq. Sheriff.

Benjn. Stevens, Clk

Francis Baker
against
John Roberts

Command was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County on the twenty ninth day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty seven, that he should take John Roberts late of Talbot County farmer if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him in his custody should safe keep so that he should have his body before the Justices of Talbot County Court at the Court house in the same County, on the monday before the first Tuesday in November then next following to answer unto Francis Baker of a plea that he render unto him the just and full sum of two hundred pounds specie current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And that he should then and there have that writ, At which said mentioned day to wit, the said monday before the first Tuesday in November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven, here came the said Francis by Gustavus Scott his attorney, and Daniel Powell Coxe, Sheriff of the County aforesaid to the Court here made return that he had taken the body of the said John Roberts and the same he ready according to the Exigence of the said writ, At which said monday before the first Tuesday in November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven, the said Francis Baker by Gustavus Scott, his attorney affirmed his declaration in the plea aforesaid,