of two hundred and twelve pounds four shillings and eight pence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Matthew Hawkins by Joshua Seney, his attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid John Reaves on the twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Matthew Hawkins in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and twelve pounds four shillings and eight pence to be paid to the said Matthew whenever thereto afterwards he should be required and to the same payment did bind himself his heirs executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed writing. Nevertheless the aforesaid John at the often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of two hundred and twelve pounds four shillings and eight pence unto the said Matthew hath not contented and paid nor the same to him to contend or pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse whereupon the said Matthew saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of three hundred pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the said John which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth

Jos. Seney for the plff.

Rudges Rofforth

Mat. Doe

Richard Roe

And the said John Reaves by his attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays a hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and also prays a hearing of the Condition thereof and he hath them witness under court, Know all men by these presents that I John Reaves of Queen Anns County and State of Maryland farmer am held and firmly bound unto Matthew Hawkins of said County and State farmer in the sum of two hundred and twelve pounds four shillings and eight pence specie to be paid to the said Matthew Hawkins or his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or assigns for the true payment whereof I bind myself my heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden John Reaves his heirs Executors or Administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Matthew Hawkins his executors Administrators or assigns the full and just sum of one hundred and six pounds two shillings and five pence specie with legal Interest thereon from the date hereof which payment to be made on or before the first

day of November next ensuing the date hereof then the above Obligation to be void and to stand and remain in full force and virtue in law, signed sealed and delivered in presence of

John Reaves (Seal)

William his mark Lacey. Catherine her mark Lacey.

which being read and heard the said John Reaves by his attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the 23d day of October anno Domini 1787. comes again the said parties plaintiff and Defendant by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also. At which said next Court to wit the 17th day of March anno Domini 1788. comes again the said parties plaintiff and defendant by their attorneys aforesaid. and the aforesaid Defendant by his attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also, At which said next Court to wit the 17th day of July anno Domini 1788. comes again as well the said Matthew Hawkins by his attorney aforesaid as the said John Reaves by his attorney aforesaid and the aforesaid John Reaves by his attorney aforesaid produces to the Court here the State Writ of Habeas Corpus directed to the Justices and Sheriff of Queen Anns County aforesaid commanding a Record of the proceedings to be transmitted to the General Court, which said writ is closed in these words to wit,

The State of Maryland sc. To the Justices and Sheriff of Queen Anns County Greeting; whereas a certain John Reaves late of Queen Anns County is detained in the prison of your said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Matthew Hawkins of a plea of debt and so forth which said plea and the said Matter depends before you our said Justices undetermined as 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 Reaves 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 thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the State in Talbot County at the Court house in the same County the second Tuesday in September next that our said Judges from 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 17th day of April anno Domini 1788. Issued the 30th day of July anno Domini 1788. A.M.

James Earle Clk