Peter Emerson of Caroline County Gentleman, came into Court before the Justices aforesaid within named persons and severally and separately acknowledge themselves pledges and Mainpriors for the aforesaid Henry Hawkins and John, in this wise, the said William for the said Henry, the said Valentine for the said Hawkins and the said Peter for the said John, that if it should happen that the said Henry Hawkins and John in the plea aforesaid should be convicted thereof the same William, Valentine and Peter did severally and separately grant that the Debt aforesaid as all such Damages which unto the aforesaid plaintiff in that part should be adjudged, after Lands and Chattels should be made and to the use of the aforesaid plaintiff levied if it should happen that the same Henry Hawkins and John the debt and Damages aforesaid unto the aforesaid plaintiff should not pay or themselves severally and separately to the publick prison of Caroline County aforesaid if that occasion should not require And the aforesaid Henry Hawkins John and Thomas W. by James Tilghman their attorney came and defended the force and injury when &c and prayed the Liberty of imparling thereof here until the monday before the third tuesday in June next and they had it the same day was given to the plaintiff here to prosecute At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in June came as well the plaintiff by his said attorney as the aforesaid Defendants by their said attorney and the aforesaid Defendants by their attorney prayed further Liberty of imparling thereof here until the monday before the third Tuesday in October next and they had it the same day was given to the aforesaid plaintiff here and so forth. And now here at this day to wit the monday before the third Tuesday in October in the year seventeen hundred and eighty eight came as well the aforesaid plaintiff by his said attorney as the aforesaid Defendants by their said attorney And the aforesaid Defendants by their said attorney produced to the Court here the said writ of Habeas Corpus in this cause and figures following to wit

The State of Maryland ss: To the Justices and Sheriff of Caroline County greeting

We command you that Henry Costin, Hawkins Downes John Dickinson and Thomas Whittington Meeds are detained in the prison of your said County under the Custody of you the said Sheriff at the suit of Francis Sellers of a plea of Debt of one hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence current money which said plea as it is said still depends before you or your said Justices undetermined and we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined is 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 Henry Costin, Hawkins Downes, John Dickinson and Thomas Whittington Meeds by whatever 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 our General Court to

Do further Execute this Writ at Talbot County April next that our said Judges of our said General Court may further proceed thereon as to Justice appertains and so 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 1st day of October Anno Domini 1788.

Issued the 23rd day of October Anno Domini 1788. James Earle Clk.

Which said writ of Habeas Corpus is by the Court here received and returned

W. Richardson Ds.

Seal of Caroline County

In Testimony that the foregoing is the Tenor of the proceedings of Caroline County Court in the plea aforesaid mentioned I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of my Office this 12th day of March Anno Domini 1789. W. Richardson Ds

And now here on this day to wit the second Tuesday of September in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty nine came here into our Custom there General Court of Maryland the said parties by their said attorneys, and the said Henry Costin Hawkins Downes, John Dickinson and Thomas Whittington Meeds, by their said attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c and saith that they cannot gain say that the action of the said Francis Sellers so as aforesaid against them brought now can they deny but that they are unto the aforesaid Francis Sellers the sum of one hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence current money in manner and form as the said Francis Sellers above against them have declared Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Francis Sellers do recover against the said Henry Costin Hawkins Downes, John Dickinson and Thomas Whittington Meeds the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged and also the quantity of pounds of Tobacco for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this part laid out and expended and the aforesaid Henry Costin, Hawkins Downes, John Dickinson and Thomas Whittington Meeds in mercy &c James Earle Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this action on the twenty fifth day of September in the year seventeen hundred and Eighty nine for debt and costs to be levied in payment of the principal Interest and Costs payments if any to be allowed Stay of execution till April Term 1790.

Francis Sellers
against
Henry Costin
Hawkins Downes
John Dickinson &
Thomas W. Meeds

Be it remembered that on the twenty second day of October Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty eight, the Defendants in this Cause by James Tilghman their attorney filed out of our Custom there General Court the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus which here follows —