Freders Ryland
against
William Ward
acting Executor of John Stoops.

Be it remembered that on the twenty third day of February anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine the Defendant in this Cause by Samuel Earle his attorney sued out of our Eastern Shore Genral Court the State of Maryland a writ of Habeas Corpus the tenor of which writ is as follows, towit,

The State of Maryland, SCt. To the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County, Greeting

Whereas a certain John Stoops is detained in the prison of said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Freders Ryland of a plea of debt of One hundred and fifty pounds Current money, which said plea, as it is said, still depends before you our said Justices, undetermined; and as being willing, for divers Causes that the plea aforesaid, undetermined as aforesaid, should be heard and determined before the Judges of our Genral Court; therefore we command you that you have the Body of the said John Stoops, 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 this State, in Talbot County, at the Court house in the Same County, the second Tuesday of April 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 there and then this writ Witness the Honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, this first day of October anno Domini 1788. Teste the 23d. day of February anno Domini 1789

SE. James Earle Clk

At which said second Tuesday in April towit, in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty nine, being the day for the return of the aforegoing writ of Habeas Corpus, came into our said Genral Court here the said Freders Ryland by Hugh Matthews, his attorney, and the Justices and Sheriff of the County aforesaid, in Obedience to the Command aforesaid came and made return of the same with the following Record thereto annexed, towit, Cecil County towit, At a County Court, after the State of Maryland began and held in and for the County aforesaid, at the Court house in the same County on the monday before the second Tuesday of March being the ninth day of the same month, and in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty nine by and before the Justices of our said Court and other Officers thereunto duly and Legally authorized appointed and sworn and so forth, Present,

Joseph Gilpin presiding Justice, Stephen Ryland, Samuel Glenn, Samuel Miller, Elisha Hall, William Matthews, Peter Lazenby, James Orrick Esquire Sheriff. } Gentlemen Justices

Sidney George, Jeremiah Baker, Nathaniel Ramsey, Michael Wallace, Richard Bond, Tobias Rudolph, John Miller ---------- } Gentlemen Justices

B Williams Clk.

In the Record and proceedings of said Court amongst others was the following towit, to wit

Freders Ryland against John Stoops } Cecil County SCt. Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, the twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty seven, Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County, that that he should take John Stoops late of Cecil County farmer if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him should safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of Cecil County Court at the Court house in the same County on the monday before the second Tuesday of March then next to answer unto Freders Ryland of a plea that he render unto him the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And that he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril and that he should have then and there that writ &c. And now here at this day towit, the monday before the second Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty eight came the said Freders Ryland by Hugh Matthews his attorney and the Sheriff of Cecil County whence the same writ was directed likewise came and makes return thereof to the Court now here then Endorsed towit, Copi Archibald Job. Sheriff

And thereupon John Stoops being called upon appears and at the prayer of the plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid the said John Stoops is adjudged to Give Special bail to the action aforesaid Whereupon a certain John Cox son of John of Cecil County present here in Court, in his proper person undertakes for the said John Stoops that in Case the said Freders Ryland shall recover Judgment against the said John Stoops in the plea aforesaid or that he the said John Stoops shall be thereof Legally convicted that then the said John Stoops shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon or Render himself to the Sheriff of Cecil County aforesaid in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said John Cox will do the same for him, And the said Freders Ryland by his attorney aforesaid declared against the said John Stoops in the plea aforesaid as follows towit, John Stoops late of Cecil County Farmer was Summoned to answer unto Freders Ryland of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds which to him