he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Fredus Ryland, by Hugh Matthews, his attorney saith that whereas the said John Stoops the Eighth day of September in the year aforesaid, One thousand seven hundred and Eighty six at the County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory with his seal Sealed and to the Court herewith shown whose date is the same day and year aforesaid, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound to the said Fredus in the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds specie to be paid to the said Fredus when he the said John should be thereunto required, yet the said John altho often required the sum aforesaid to the said Fredus hath not paid but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Fredus two hundred pounds and thereof he brings suit &c. Pledges John Doe, Richard Roe, Which being read and heard the said John Stoops by Samuel Earle his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and &c. forth and prays 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 monday before the second Tuesday of June in the year aforesaid 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 monday before the second Tuesday of October in the year aforesaid comes again the said parties plaintiff and Defendant by their attorneys aforesaid, And the said Defendant by his 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 monday before the second Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Eighty nine, Comes again as well the said Fredus Ryland by his attorney aforesaid, Samuel Earle Attorney for the said John Stoops, who since the Spring the following writ is declared, and the said Samuel Earle Attorney as aforesaid produces to the Court now here the following Habeas Corpus, to wit, The State of Maryland, &c. To the justices and Sheriff of Queen County, Greeting, whereas a certain John Stoops is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you, our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Fredus Ryland, in 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 General 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 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 aforesaid General Court may further proceed thereon as to justice appertains, and so forth, Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you there and there this writ Witness the honorable Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire, chief judge of our said Court this first day of October anno Domini 1788, Signed the 23rd day of February anno Domini 1789. SE. James Earle Clk

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court with the mutual Consent of the said parties that William Ward, acting Executor of the aforesaid John Stoops (Deceased) should become a party in this action, Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid and their said attorneys and by order of the Court was Continued until the second Tuesday in September then next following. At which said second Tuesday in September, to wit, in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty nine, Came here again the said Fredus Ryland by his attorney as the said William Ward Executor as aforesaid by William Pilchman his attorney and thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the said Parties and their said attorneys and by order of the Court was thereupon further Continued until the second Tuesday in April then next following — At which said second Tuesday in April to wit, in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety Came here again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Fredus Ryland by his attorney aforesaid prayed that the said William Ward Executor as aforesaid might be ruled to file his plea in answer to the Declaration aforesaid, over before the second Tuesday in September then next or that Judgment thereof against him might be rendered, and it was granted unto him the same day was given to the said Ward Executor as aforesaid therefore &c.

At which said second Tuesday in September, to wit, in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety Came here again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and thereupon further process of and upon the premises &c. between the parties aforesaid and by Consent of the said parties and their attorneys &c. and by order of the Court was thereupon further Continued