And whereupon the said Henry Hanclaim by John Rice his attorney complains that whereas the said Levin Pettitt, on the first day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven, at the county aforesaid had demised to the said Henry the said tract or parcel of land above mentioned with the appurtenances situate lying and being in the county aforesaid To have and to hold the said tenement and premises with the appurtenances aforesaid to the said Henry and his assigns from the tenth day of May then last past unto the full end and term of seven years thence next ensuing and fully to be compleat and ended by virtue of which said demise the said Henry entered into the said demised tenement and premises with the appurtenances and was legally possessed thereof and so being possessed the said Samuel Adams afterwards to wit on the tenth day of June aforesaid in the year aforesaid with force and arms that is to say with Guns and Swords entered into the Tenement and premises aforesaid with the appurtenances and in and upon the possession of the said Henry therein and ejected him from said farm therein not being yet expired and kept out and still kept out the said Henry from his said possession and other injuries to the said Henry then and there did to the great damage of the said Henry and against the peace Government and dignity of the State of Maryland &c whereupon the said Henry saith that he hath damage to the value of fifty pounds current money of Maryland and therefore brings suit &c. pledges of prosecuting John Doe Roe

And now to wit, at a Court held at Princess Ann Town in and for the County aforesaid the third Tuesday of October anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven came the aforesaid Samuel Adams by Gustavus Scott his attorney and defends the force and injury when &c. and entered into the Common rule and take defence as shall be laid down in attendance of Recovery and prays Leave to imparle unto next Court to be held at Princess Ann Town the third Tuesday of March then next following and he hath it and the same day is given to the aforesaid Henry Hanclaim Lessee as aforesaid &c. At which said third Tuesday of March came the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and hereupon the said Samuel Adams as before defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that he is not guilty of the trespass and Ejectment aforesaid as the said

Henry Hanclaim above against him hath complained and of this he puts himself on the Country, and the said Henry in like manner. And thereupon the Cause aforesaid was continued over unto the third monday in June then next following &c. the same day is given to the parties &c. At which said third Tuesday of June came the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and thereupon the Cause aforesaid was continued over unto the third Tuesday of October then next following &c. and the same day is given to the parties &c. At which said third Tuesday of October came the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and thereupon the Cause aforesaid was continued over unto the third tuesday of March then next following with leave to add and amend plead &c. And the same day is given to the parties &c. At which said third Tuesday of March came the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and thereupon Samuel Adams produced to the Court here a writ of Habeas Corpus the Tenor whereof follows to wit

The State of Maryland, to the Justices and Sheriff of Somerset County Greeting Whereas a certain Samuel Adams is detained in the prison of your said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Henry Hanclaim Lessee of Levin Pettitt of a plea of trespass and Ejectment and so forth which said 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 Samuel Adams 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 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 Esq. Chief Judge of our said Court the first day of October anno Domini 1788 Signed the 4 day of March anno Domini 1789 James Earle C.

And whereupon the Court aforesaid allowed of the writ of Habeas Corpus aforesaid and ordered that the Record and proceedings in the plea aforesaid be transmitted to the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland &c.

Thomas Hayward Clk