Henry Pratt
against
Thomas Wooters.

Be it remembered that in the County Court the 7th day of March anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety, Thomas Wooters, the Defendant in this Cause by James Tilghman his attorney sued out of our Eastern Shore General Court the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus which here ensues, as follows to wit, The State of Maryland to the Justices and Sheriff of Queen Anns County, Greeting; Whereas a certain Thomas Wooters late of Queen Anns County Farmer, is detained in the prison of your said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Henry Pratt of a plea of Debt 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 Thomas Wooters by whatever 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 then and there this writ, Witness the honorable Robert Harrison Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the first day of October anno Domini 1789. Issued the 27th day of March anno Domini 1790. (SS)

James Earle Clk

At which said second Tuesday in April term, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, being the day for the return of the aforegoing writ of Habeas Corpus Came the said Henry Pratt by Robert Wright his attorney, and the Justices and Sheriff of the County aforesaid in Obedience to the Command aforesaid made, return of the same writ with the following, to wit, thereto annexed, to wit, The State of Maryland. At a County Court of the State aforesaid held for Queen Anns County at Chester Mill in the County aforesaid on the monday before the fourth Tuesday in march being the twenty third day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, Present, The Worshipful John Brown Esquire, Chief Justice, Clement Sewell, John Fisher, James Clayton, John Thompson, Saml Ringgold, Arthur Emory, Edwd Downes, Geo. Bayard, Peter Hightop, Abram Falconar, Henry Pratt, James Kindman Esquires Justices, Jonathan Emory Esquire Sheriff.

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In the Record and proceedings of the same Court among others is as follows to wit,

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Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, the Eleventh day of March anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, The plaintiff by Robert Wright Esquire, his attorney, sued out of this Court, The State of Maryland's writ of Capias ad respondendum which follows in these words and figures to wit, Queen Anns County to wit, The State of Maryland. To the Sheriff of Queen Anns County Greeting; you are hereby Commanded that you take Thomas Wooters late of Queen Anns County Farmer if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his Body before the Justices of our next County Court, to be held for Queen Anns County at Chester Mill in the County aforesaid the monday before the fourth Tuesday in March Inst. to answer unto Henry Pratt of a plea that he render unto him the sum of ninety six pounds Current money of State of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness John Brown Esquire, Chief Justice of the said Court this 27th day of October anno Domini 1788. Issued the 11th day of March 1789. (W)

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At which said monday before the fourth Tuesday of March to wit, the ~~tenth day~~ twenty third day of the same month anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty

nine, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, Come the said Henry Pratt by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Queen Anns County to wit, Jonathan Emory Esquire, to whom the said writ was directed, likewise Comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit: Cepi Jona Emory Shff and the said Thomas Wooters being called upon appears: Thereupon at the prayer of the plaintiff by his said attorney the aforesaid Thomas Wooters is assigned to give special bail to the action aforesaid Whereupon a certain John Burke of Tuckahoe in Queen Anns County personally here in Court in his proper person undertakes for the said Thomas Wooters, that in case the said Henry Pratt shall recover Judgement against the said Thomas Wooters in the plea aforesaid, or that he the said Thomas Wooters shall be therein legally convicted, that then the said Thomas Wooters shall pay the Condemnation of the Court thereupon, or render his body to the Custody of the Sheriff of Queen Anns County in Satisfaction thereof, or that he the said John Burke will do the same for him and the aforesaid Henry Pratt by his said attorney declares against the aforesaid Thomas Wooters in the plea aforesaid, as follows to wit, Queen Anns County to wit, Thomas Wooters late of Queen Anns County Farmer, otherwise called Thomas Wooters of Queen Anns County was summoned to answer unto Henry Pratt of a plea that he render unto him the sum of ninety six pounds Current money of State of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Henry Pratt by Robert Wright his attorney saith that whereas the said Thomas Wooters on the twenty ninth day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty nine, at Queen Anns County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Henry Pratt in the aforesaid sum of ninety six pounds Current money of State of Maryland, to be paid to the said Henry Pratt when afterwards he should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Thomas Wooters (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of ninety six pounds Current money of State of Maryland to him the said Henry Pratt, he hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse whereupon he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of ninety five pounds Current money aforesaid and therefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Thomas Wooters which the Deft aforesaid, in form aforesaid witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth, -

Robt Wright atty for the plaintiff plaings and so forth. John Doe and Richard Roe, and the aforesaid Thomas Wooters by James Tilghman his attorney Comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prayeth an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he hath them as follows to wit, Know all men by these Presents that I Thomas Wooters of Queen Anns County Farmer, am held and firmly bound unto Henry Pratt Merchant of the County aforesaid in the full and sum of ninety six pounds Current money of State of Maryland to be paid unto the said Henry Pratt his certain attorney Executors Administrators or assigns: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind myself my heirs Executors and Administrators in the whole sum aforesaid firmly by these presents Sealed with my seal, and dated this twenty seventh day of January anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas Wooters do and shall well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the said Henry Pratt his certain attorney Executors Administrators or assigns the sum and full sum of forty eight pounds Current money as aforesaid with legal Interest for the same, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and Virtue; Sealed and Delivered in presence of

Arthur Holt

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which being read and heard the aforesaid Thomas Wooters by his said attorney prays leave to imparle hereto until next Court, and he hath it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also