Recorn thereto annexed to wit, The execution of the above writ appears by the following proceedings The answer of John Scott James Claypoole Richard Graves, Donaldson Yates, John Page, John Woodland John Thomas Jeremiah Nicols, William Grindage and Richard Hynson Esquires Justices of the peace for Kent County, and Josiah Johnson High Sheriff of the same County We John Scott James Claypoole Richard Graves, Donaldson Yates John Page, John Woodland and John Thomas, Jeremiah Nicols William Grindage and Richard Hynson Justices aforesaid and Josiah Johnson Sheriff, To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland Certify, That Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the monday before the third Tuesday of October Seventeen hundred and eighty eight, that he should take Edward Beck late of Kent County Bricklayer if he should be found within his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the monday before the third tuesday of March next to answer unto Thomas Smyth of a plea that he render unto him one hundred and twenty four pounds eight Shillings and ten pence Current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth As which said monday before the third tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and eighty nine Came the aforesaid Thomas Smyth by Thomas Bedingfield Hands his attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also Came and made return of the writ aforesaid to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows to wit, Cepi Edwd Morrell Sheriff. Thereupon Charles Copper of Kent County Farmer in his proper person here into Court did come and became pledge and security for the aforesaid Edward in the plea aforesaid that if it should so happen that the said Edward to be Arrested therein that then the same security granted as well the debt aforesaid as all the damages Cost and Charges which the said Thomas in the plea aforesaid should be adjudged of the goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements of the same Charles to be made and levied for the use of the said Thomas to be levied if it should happen that the said Edward the Debt and damages Cost and Charges of the said Thomas in the plea aforesaid should not pay or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County on that Occasion render and the aforesaid Edward by Peregrine Letherbury his attorney here in Court doth come and defends the force and injury when and so forth and the aforesaid Thomas by his attorney aforesaid offered himself against the aforesaid Edward in the plea aforesaid and Complained thereof against him in the following words to wit, Edward Beck late of Kent County Bricklayer was summoned to answer unto Thomas Smyth of a plea that he render unto him one hundred and twenty four pounds eight Shillings and ten pence Current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the said Thomas by Thomas Bedingfield Hands his attorney doth say that whereas the said Edward on the sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty four, at Kent County aforesaid by his Certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said Thomas in the full and Just sum of one hundred and twenty four pounds eight Shillings and ten pence Current money of Maryland to be paid to him the said Thomas when afterwards he should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Edward (tho' often thereunto required) the said sum of one hundred and twenty four pounds eight Shillings and ten pence Current money aforesaid to him the said Thomas hath not rendered or paid but the same to

him hitherto to pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the Value of forty two pounds four shillings and five pence Current money of Maryland Wherefore he brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Edward which the said aforesaid informs aforesaid in the plea the date of which is the day and year aforesaid and so forth, Thomas B Hands attorney for the plaintiff plays &c. John Doe & Richard Roe, and the aforesaid Edward by his attorney aforesaid prayeth an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and the execution thereof and he hath the same in the following words to wit, Know all men by these presents that I Edward Beck, son of John of Kent County in the State of Maryland Bricklayer am held and firmly bound unto Thomas Smyth of the same County and State merchant in the full and Just sum of one hundred and twenty four pounds eight Shillings and ten pence Current money of the State aforesaid to be paid to the said Thomas Smyth or to his certain attorney heirs executors Administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seal and dated this 16th day of June Seventeen hundred and eighty four, The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Edward Beck do and shall well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the above named Thomas Smyth or to his certain attorney their Executors Administrators or assigns the full sum of forty two pounds four shillings and five pence Current money aforesaid at or upon the last day of August ensuing the date hereof with legal Interest thereon then the above Obligation to be void else to remain and continue in full force and virtue in law.

Signed sealed & Delivered in presence of - - - - - -
J Hunt Junr.

Edward Beck (Seal)

and the aforesaid Edward by his attorney aforesaid prays liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the monday before the third tuesday of June next and he had it the same day was given the aforesaid Thomas here and so forth. At which said monday before the third tuesday of June Seventeen hundred and eighty nine, Came the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid Edward by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays further liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the monday before the third tuesday of October next and he had it the same day was given the aforesaid Thomas here and so forth. At which said monday before the third Tuesday of October Seventeen hundred and eighty nine, Came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid Edward by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the monday before the third Tuesday of March next and he had it the same day was given the aforesaid Thomas here and so forth, At which said monday before the third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and ninety Came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid Edward by his attorney aforesaid alledges to the Court here that the action aforesaid so as aforesaid depending between the aforesaid Thomas Smyth plaintiff and him the said Edward Beck defendant is by Habeas Corpus removed to the General Court to be held at Talbot County Court House for the Eastern Shore of this State on the second Tuesday of April next of all which the said Court for the County of Kent aforesaid hath legal notice by Habeas Corpus amongst the proceedings of the same Court filed and allowed, —