The State of Maryland, to the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting: whereas a certain George Hutchinson late of Kent County planter is detained in the prison of your said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the Suit of a certain Barney Case and Philip Brooks of a plea of Debt and so forth, which said plea and 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 George Hutchinson 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 at Easton 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 there this writ, witness the Honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the first day of October anno Domini 1789. Signed the 11th day of March anno Domini 1790. (WBY) James Earle (C)

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 here into our said Court the said Barney Case and Philip Brooks by Pere Leftwitchy their 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 record thereto annexed to wit, The execution of the above writ appears by the following proceedings, the answer of John Scott, James Claypole, 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 aforesaid and Josiah Johnson High Sheriff of the same County, We John Scott, James Claypole, Richard Graves Donaldson Yates, John Page, John Woodland, John Thomas, Jeremiah Nicols, William Grindage and Richard Hynson Justices as aforesaid and Josiah Johnson Sheriff, To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of this State 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 George Hutchinson late of Kent County planter if he should be found in 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 Barney Case and Philip Brooks in a plea that he render unto them the sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds two shillings and eight pence current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, At which said monday before the third tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and eighty nine, Came the af Barney Case and Philip Brooks by Peregrine Lefthwitchy their 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 Edward Worrell Sheriff, Thompson James Smith of Kent County farmer here into Court did Come and become pledge and security for the aforesaid George Hutchinson that if should so happen to the aforesaid George to be Condemned in the plea af that then the same security granted as well the debt aforesaid as all the Damages Cost and Charges which to the said Barney and Philip in the plea aforesaid should be adjudged of the goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements of the aforesaid James to be made and so forth use of the said Barney and Philip to be paid if it should happen that the said George the debt and Damages Cost and Charges of the said Barney and Philip in the plea aforesaid should not pay or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County without Cause in render and the aforesaid George by

William Bordley his attorney Come into Court and defends the force and injury when and so forth and the aforesaid Barney and Philip by their attorney aforesaid Offered themselves against the aforesaid George in the plea aforesaid and Complained thereof against him in the following words to wit, George Hutchinson late of Kent County planter was summoned to answer unto Barney Case and Philip Brooks in a plea that he render unto them the sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds two shillings and eight pence Current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the said Barney Case and Philip Brooks by Pere Leftwitchy their attorney say that whereas the said George Hutchinson on the twenty third day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven at Kent County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Barney and Philip in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds two shillings and eight pence specie to be paid to them the said Barney and Philip when afterwards he should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid George after the same thereunto required the aforesaid sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds two shillings and six pence specie as aforesaid to them the said Barney and Philip hath not rendered or paid but the same to them hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore they say the same and have damage to the value of twenty pounds current money and therefore they bring suit and so forth and bring here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid George which the date aforesaid in form of witnesseth the date thereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth.

Pere Leftwitchy for the plaff plaints therein, John Doe & Richard Roe, and the def George by his attorney aforesaid prayeth an hearing of the writing Obligatory aforesaid and the Condition thereof and he doth the same in the following words to wit, Know all men by these presents that I George Hutchinson of Kent County Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Barney Case and Philip Brooks of Much and Chester Town Maryland in the full and just sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds two shillings and six pence (specie) to be paid to the said Barney Case and Philip Brooks or either of them or their certain attorney Executors Administrators or assigns To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs Executors and Administrators and each of them firmly by these presents Sealed with my seal and dated the twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden George Hutchinson his heirs Executors Administrators or any of them shall well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the above named Barney Case and Philip Brooks or either of them or their certain attorney Executors Administrators or assigns the full and just sum of twenty two pounds eleven shillings and seven pence specie on or before the tenth day of June next without any fraud and delay then this Obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed and Delivered in presence of James Strong. George Hutchinson (Seal)

And the aforesaid George 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. Whereupon day was given the af Barney and Philip here and so forth. At which said monday before the third tuesday of June Seventeen hundred and eighty nine, Came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid George by his attorney aforesaid prays liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid until the monday before the third tuesday of October next and he had it. Whereupon day was given the aforesaid Barney