John Lorain & Co.
against
Joseph Brown,

Be it remembered that in the nineteenth day of March anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety Joseph Brown, the Defendant in this Cause, by William Fitzhugh his attorney sued out of our Eastern Shore General Court the State of Maryland's writ of Habeas Corpus which hereunto as follows to wit, The State of Maryland, to the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting: whereas a certain Joseph Brown late of Kent 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 John Lorain, Emanuel Kent and Thomas Lorain of a plea of debt and so forth which said pleas 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 Joseph Brown 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, 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 Hanson Harrison, Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, this first day of October anno Domini 1789 Issued the 19th day of March anno Domini 1790. 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 aforesaid writ of Habeas Corpus Came the aforesaid John Lorain & Co. by Peregrine Letherbury their attorney and the Justices and Sheriff of the County aforesaid equally to the Command aforesaid made return of the same writ with the following Annex thereto annexed to wit, The execution of the above writ appears by the following proceeding 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 aforesaid and Josiah Johnson High Sheriff of the same County, We John Scott, James Claypoole 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 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 ~~and~~ eighty eight that he should take Joseph Brown 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 John Lorain Emanuel Kent and Thomas Lorain in a plea that he render unto them the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds five shillings & eight pence current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains & so forth At which said monday before the third tuesday of March seventeen hundred

and eighty nine came the aforesaid John Lorain Emanuel Kent and Thomas Lorain by Peregrine Letherbury 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 Corpus Edwd Worrell Shff Thompson Charles Tilden Junr. of Kent County farmer in his proper person here into Court did come and became pledge and security for the aforesaid Joseph Brown that if it should happen to the said Joseph to be Convicted in the plea aforesaid that then the same security granted as well the debt aforesaid as all the damages Cost and Charges which to the same John, Emanuel, and Thomas, in the plea aforesaid should be adjudged of the goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements of the same Charles Tilden to be made and for the use of the said John, Emanuel, & Thomas to be levied if it should happen that the said Joseph the debt and damages Cost and charges of the same John, Emanuel and 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 Joseph by Thomas Bedingfield Hands his attorney Comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, And the aforesaid John, Emanuel & Thomas by their attorney aforesaid offered themselves against the aforesaid Joseph in the plea aforesaid and Complained thereof against him in the following words to wit, Joseph Brown late of Kent County planter was summoned to answer unto John Lorain, Emanuel Kent and Thomas Lorain in a plea that he render unto them the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds five shilling and eight pence current money which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the said John Lorain, Emanuel Kent and Thomas Lorain by Peregrine Letherbury their attorney say that whereas the aforesaid Joseph Brown on the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and eighty seven at Kent County aforesaid, by his Certain ~~attorney~~ writing Obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto them the said John, Emanuel and Thomas, in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and thirty pounds five shillings and eight pence Specie to be paid to the said John, Emanuel, & Thomas when afterwards he should be thereunto required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph all the Often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of One hundred and thirty pounds five shillings and eight pence Specie to the said John, Emanuel, and Thomas hath not rendered or paid but the same to them hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said John, Emanuel, and Thomas of twenty Pounds and therefore they bring suit and so forth and bring here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid Sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Joseph which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid and so forth, Pere: Letherbury for the plffs pledges ffs John Doe & Richard Roe And the aforesaid Joseph 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 Joseph Brown of Kent County in the State of Maryland farmer am held and firmly bound unto John Lorain, Emanuel Kent and Thomas Lorain of the County and State aforesaid in the full and just sum of One hundred and thirty pounds five shillings and and eight pence Specie to be paid unto the said John Lorain Emanuel Kent and Thomas Lorain their Certain attorney executors Administrators or assigns to the which Payment well and truly