the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Richard Gresham Smyth of a plea of Debt, 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 Josias Ringgold by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with 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. Witness fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire. Chief Judge of our said Court, this first day of October Anno Domini 1788.

Issued the 26th day of October Anno Domini 1788.

James Carroll Clk.

At which said day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty nine, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, the Justices and Clerk of Kent County in compliance with the Writ aforesaid make return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed, to wit — The Execution of the above Writ appears by the following Proceedings — The answer of John Scott, James Claypoole, Richard Graves, John Woodland, Donaldson Yeates, John Page, John Thomas, Jeremiah Nicols, William Grundage and Richard Hynson Justices of the Peace for Kent County and Edward Worrell high Sheriff of the same County — We John Scott, James Claypoole, Richard Graves, John Woodland, Donaldson Yeates, John Page, John Thomas, Jeremiah Nicols, William Grundage and Richard Hynson Justices as aforesaid and Edward Worrell High Sheriff of the same County — 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 the third Tuesday of June seventeen hundred and eighty seven that he should take Josias Ringgold 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 October next to answer unto Richard G. Smyth of a plea that he render unto him one hundred and eighty seven pounds four shillings and two pence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of October seventeen hundred and eighty seven came the aforesaid Richard G. Smyth by Thomas B. Hands his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ aforesaid to the Court here thereon endorsed as follows, to wit, "Capi" Geo: Hanson Shff.

Thereupon James Claypoole of the same County Gentleman in his proper person here in Court did come and became pledge and security for the aforesaid Josias that if it should so happen to the said Josias to be convicted in the plea aforesaid, that then the same security granted as well the Debt aforesaid as all the Damages, Costs and Charges which to the same Richard in the plea aforesaid should be adjudged of the goods and chattels, Lands and Tenements of the same James Claypoole to be made and for the use of the said Richard to be levied if it should so happen that the said Josias the Debt and Damages, Costs and Charges of the same Richard 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 Josias Ringgold by Peter Litchbury his Attorney comes and defends the Force and injury when and so forth and prayed liberty of imparling thereof hereto the Action aforesaid until the Monday before the third Tuesday of March next and he had it, the same day was given the aforesaid Richard here and so forth — At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty eight came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the aforesaid Richard by his Attorney aforesaid offered himself against the aforesaid Josias in the plea aforesaid and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit — Kent County, to wit; Josias Ringgold late of Kent County planter was summoned to answer unto Richard Gresham Smyth of a plea that he render unto him one hundred and eighty seven pounds four shillings and two pence current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Richard Gresham Smyth by Thomas Bewdingfield Hands his Attorney complains that whereas the said Josias Ringgold on the twenty fourth day of 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