Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus, the tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit. The State of Maryland, Sc. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Philip Reed is detained in the Prison of our said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Barney Ease and Philip Brooks 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 Philip Reed 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 1788.
Issued the 2nd day of March Anno Domini 1789.

Test. James Earle 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 made 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, 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, 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, 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 seven that he should take Philip Reed late of Kent County farmer 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 ext. to answer unto Barney Ease and Philip Brooks of a plea that he render unto them the sum of one hundred and and fifteen pounds nine shillings and ten pence Specie which to them he owes and unjustly detains &c. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of March seventeen hundred and eighty eight came the said Barney Ease and Philip Brooks by Peter Letsbury 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. "Exec.d" Geo. Hanson Shff. And the aforesaid Barney and Philip by their Attorney aforesaid offered themselves against him in the plea aforesaid and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit. Philip Reed late of Kent County farmer was summoned to answer unto Barney Ease and Philip Brooks of a plea that he render unto them the sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds nine shillings and ten pence Specie which to them he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the said Barney Ease and Philip Brooks by Peter Letsbury their Attorney say that whereas the said Philip Reed on the twenty first 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 Ease and Philip Brooks in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds nine shillings and ten pence Specie to be paid to the said Barney Ease and Philip Brooks when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid Philip Reed (altho' often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds nine shillings and ten pence Specie to the said Barney Ease and Philip Brooks 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 they are the worse and have damage to the value of ten pounds current money aforesaid and therefore they bring suit &c. and bring here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Philip Reed which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid &c.

Peter Letsbury for Plffs. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.

Oyer of the writing obligatory and Condition. Viz. Know all men by these presents that Philip Reed of Kent County Maryland farmer am held and firmly bound unto Barney Ease and Philip Brooks Merchants Chester Town Maryland in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds nine shillings and ten pence Specie to be paid to the said Barney Ease and Philip Brooks or either of them or to their