by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended, and the said Joseph in Mercy &c.

James Carle Clk.

Judgment was confessed in this Action on the twenty eighth day of April seventeen hundred and ninety, with a Stay of Execution till September Term then next following; Penalty to be released on payment of Principal, Interest & Costs.

Alexander Douglass & John Smoot vs Levin Parker

Memorandum, the Defendant in this cause by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney, sued out the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus, the tenor whereof insues in the words and figures following, to wit:-

The State of Maryland, &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Dorchester County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Levin Parker is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Alexander Douglass and John Smoot of a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. 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 Levin Parker 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 11th day of March Anno Domini 1789.

Wm. H. James Carle Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty nine, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, the Justices and Clerk of Dorchester

County in Compliance with the Writ aforesaid, made return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed, to wit:- In the Records and Proceedings of Dorchester County Court, it is amongst other things enrolled as follows, to wit: At a County Court of the State of Maryland held for Dorchester County in Cambridge in the said County, on the Monday before the second Tuesday of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, before the same State's Justices duly commissioned and assigned to keep the peace in the said County, of whom were present;

The Worshipful John Smoot, Edward Noel, Thomas Jones, Benjamin Keene, Henry Lake, Levin Richman, Thomas Bourke & Moses LeCompte Esquires.

John Eccleston Shff. Hy. Dickinson Clk.

Alexander Douglass & John Smoot ag.st Levin Parker

Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County on the twenty third day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, that he should take Levin Parker late of Dorchester County planter if in his Bailiwick he should be found, and him in his custody should safely keep, so that he should have his body before the Justices of Dorchester County Court to be holden at Cambridge in the said County the Monday before the second Tuesday in March then next following, to answer unto Alexander Douglass and John Smoot of a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. and that he should then and there have that Writ. At which mentioned day, to wit, the said Monday before the second Tuesday in March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, here came the said Alexander Douglass and John Smoot by Gustavus Scott their Attorney and Thomas Lockerman, then the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to the Court here made return that he had taken the body of the said Levin Parker and the same had ready according to the Exigence of the said Writ. And the said Levin Parker by Henry Muggaman his Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon the same Levin Parker at the prayer of the said Alexander Douglass and John Smoot was ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid. Whereupon Ebenezer Newton of Dorchester County came here into Court before the Justices aforesaid in his proper person and became Pledge and Mainpastor for the aforesaid Levin Parker that if it should happen that Judgment by the Court here for the aforesaid Alexander Douglass and John Smoot in the plea aforesaid