said parties Plantiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays further leave to imparle thereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plantiff also. At which said next Court, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of October in the year aforesaid, comes again the said parties Plantiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid, prays further leave to imparle thereunto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plantiff also. At which said next Court, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty eight comes again as well the said James Marshall by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said John Stoops by his Attorney aforesaid; and the said John Stoops by his Attorney aforesaid, as before, further defends the force and injury when and as forth, and produces to the Court now here the following Habeas Corpus, to wit: The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County Greeting. Whereas a certain John Stoops is detained in the prison of our said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain James Marshall of a plea 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 shall be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court. Therefore we command you that you have the body of the said John Stoops 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 the General Court to be held for Eastern Shore of this State, at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April next, that the Judges of the 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 Honourable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court this twenty eighth day of September Anno Domini 1787. Issued the 20th day of February 1788.

PL. James Earle Clk.

Thereupon it is ordered by the Court aforesaid that the plea aforesaid with all things thereunto relating be transmitted accordingly. Test, A Williams Clk.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy from the Record and Proceedings of Cecil County Court, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office of the County aforesaid this first day of April 1788.

Seal of Cecil County Court

A Williams Clk.

And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty eight, came into the General Court here as well the said James by his Attorney aforesaid and the said John by his Attorney aforesaid, and the said John by his Attorney aforesaid prays the liberty of imparling therein until the second Tuesday of September then following, and it was granted unto him, the same day was given to the said James Marshal then &c. At which day, to wit, the second Tuesday seventeen hundred and eighty eight came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys, and the aforesaid James by his Attorney aforesaid filed his Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said John Stoops in manner and form following, to wit. Cecil County, to wit. John Stoops late of Cecil County yeoman was summoned to answer unto James Marshall of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of two hundred and forty four pounds sixteen shillings current money, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the aforesaid James by Turbutt Wright his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid John on the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto him the said James in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and forty four pounds sixteen shillings current money to be paid to him the said James when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the aforesaid John altho' often thereunto required the aforesaid sum of two hundred and forty four pounds sixteen shillings money aforesaid to him the said James hath not rendered or paid, but the same to him to render or pay he hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse wherefore the said James saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of two hundred and forty four pounds sixteen shillings current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of him the said John which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid testifies the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid. Turbutt Wright for Plff pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.