At which day, to wit the second Tuesday of September came again the said James by his Attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Cecil County to the Court here made return that he had summoned the said William Ward Rogers aforesaid according to the exigence of the said Writ. Whereupon the said William Ward came here into Court by his Attorney aforesaid, and defended the wrong and injury when &c. and prayed the liberty of imparling thereon until the second Tuesday of April then next following, and he had it, the same day was given to the said James Marshall then and so forth. And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety come the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said William Ward by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that he cannot gainsay the Action aforesaid of the said James Marshall, nor can he deny but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the Deed of him the said John Stoops in his lifetime made, nor but that he owes unto the said James, the said sum of two hundred and forty four pounds sixteen shillings current money in manner and form as the said James above against him hath alledged; therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said James Marshall do recover against the said William Ward Rogers aforesaid, the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid acknowledged, and also the Quantity of eight hundred and eighty seven and one fifth of a pound of Tobacco as well for his Damages which he hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended, with the same James by the Court here with his Assent adjudged, pt. To be levied of the Goods and Chattels which were of the said John Stoops, being in the hands of the said William Ward to be administered, if so much in his hands he hath, and if he hath not, then the Damages and Costs aforesaid to be levied of the proper Goods and Chattels of the said William Ward, and the said William in Mercy pt.

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Judgment was confessed in this Action on the twenty first day of April seventeen hundred and ninety for Penalty and Costs, to be released on payment of one hundred and ten pounds nineteen shillings, with Interest from the twentieth of October seventeen hundred & eighty three, till paid & Credit Payments if any to be allowed.

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Memorandum. the Defendant by Peter Letherbury his Attorney sued out the States Writ of Habeas Corpus, the tenor whereof ensues in the words and figures following, 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 a certain James Marshall 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, shall be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court; therefore we command, that 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 thereto relating before the Judges of the General Court, to be held held for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April next, that the Judges of our said 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.

P.L. James Earle Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty eight, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, the Justices and Clerk of Cecil County in compliance with the Writ aforesaid made return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed, to wit;

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Cecil County, to wit; Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, the second day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty seven, Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take John Stoops late of Cecil County Yeoman if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of Cecil County Court at the Court