likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court now here thereon endorsed, to wit, "Cepi Corpora" Archibald Job Sheriff. And the said William Matthews and James Louttit Exors as aforesaid by Hugh Matthews their Attorney comes here into Court and defends the force and injury when and wherefore and prays leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have 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 of June in the year aforesaid comes again as well the said Tobias Rudulph and Samuel Briscoe surviving Partners by their Attorney aforesaid as the said William Matthews and James Louttit Exors as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid and the said Tobias Rudulph and Samuel Briscoe surviving Partners as aforesaid, produces to the Court now here the following Artionari, to wit, The State of Maryland, To the Justices of Cecil County, Greeting. Whereas lately in our said Court of Cecil County, William Matthews and James Louttit Exors of John Dockrey Thompson deceased, was attached to answer unto Tobias Rudulph and Samuel Briscoe surviving Partners of Rudulph, Briscoe and Company of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth, which said plea as it is said is still depending before you our said Justices, in our said County Court, as it is said undetermined; and we being desirous for certain reasons, that the Record and Proceeding in the plea aforesaid should by you be certified to us, do command you, that you send under your seals, the Record of the Proceedings aforesaid in the plea aforesaid, with all things touching the same unto our general Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Talbot County Court house, the second Tuesday of September next, plainly and distinctly, and in as full and ample manner, as it now remains before you together with this Writ, so that we may be able thereon to proceed, and to do what shall appear to us of right ought to be done. Witness the Honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court this 16th day of April Anno Domini 1788.

Issued the 24th day of July 1788.

WB. James Earle Clk.

Thereupon it is ordered by the Court now here that the Record of the Proceedings with all things thereto relating be transmitted accordingly.

Test. B Williams Clk.

(Seal of Cecil County Court)

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 7th day of August 1788.

B Williams Clk.

And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and eighty eight came into the General Court as well the said Plantiffs by their Attorney aforesaid, as the said Defendants by their Attorney aforesaid, Thereupon further proceeds of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid, and by order of the Court here, thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of April then next following. At which said day, to wit the second Tuesday of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Rudulph and Briscoe surviving Partners as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid, filed their Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said William and James in manner and form following, to wit, Maryland Cecil County, To William Matthews and James Louttit, Exors of John Dockrey Thompson were attached to answer unto Tobias Rudulph and Samuel Briscoe surviving partners of Rudulph, Briscoe and Company of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth. And whereupon the said Tobias Rudulph Junior and Samuel Briscoe their Attorney complain that whereas the aforesaid John Dockrey Thompson in his life time, to wit, on the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, at Cecil County aforesaid was indebted unto them the said Tobias Rudulph Junior and Samuel Briscoe and one Tobias Rudulph Senior, now deceased and whom the said Tobias Rudulph Junior and Samuel Briscoe have survived in the sum of one hundred and eleven pounds eight shillings and eight pence half penny current money for sundry matters properly chargeable in Account thereof herewith into Court may appear; and so being thereof indebted, the aforesaid John Dockrey Thompson in his life time,