pray that a Writ of Returno Habendo may issue, directed to the Sheriff of Cecil County. On this motion the Court being divided, the said Defendants by their said Attorney pray 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 March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, come again as well the said Alexander Hapson by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Andrew Wilson and James Willie by their Attorney aforesaid; and the said Andrew Wilson and James Willie by their Attorney aforesaid as before further defend the force and injury when and so forth and pray the Court to reconsider the motion aforesaid: whereupon all and singular the Premises being by the Court here, seen, heard and understood and mature Deliberation thereupon had, it is considered by the Court now here that the Defendants take nothing by their Motion and that the Possession of the Goods, Chattels and Effects in the Writ of Replevin aforesaid be and remain in the aforesaid Alexander Hapson: Thereupon the said Andrew Wilson and James Willie by their Attorney aforesaid produces to the Court now here the following Certiorari, to wit:

The State of Maryland. To the Justices of Cecil County, Greeting.—

General Court E. Shore Seal

Whereas lately in our said Court of Cecil County aforesaid, Andrew Wilson and James Willie were summoned to answer unto Alexander Hapson of a plea in Replevin, which said plea as it is said is still depending before you our said Justices in our said County Court undetermined, and we being desirous for certain reasons the the Record of the Proceedings in the plea aforesaid with all things relating to the same unto our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April 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 to proceed thereon and do what shall appear to us ought to be done. Witness the Honorable Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court this sixth day of October Anno Domini 1786.

Issued the 24th day of February 1787.

W. T. James Earle Clk.

Thereupon it is ordered by the Court now here, that the Record and Proceedings with all things thereunto relating be transmitted accordingly

Test P. Williams Clk.

In Testimony that the above is a true Copy from the Records and

Cecil County Court seal

Proceedings of Cecil County Court, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office of the County aforesaid this second day of April 1787.

P. Williams Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty seven, came as well the said Alexander by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Andrew and James by Nicholas Hammond their Attorney: Thereupon further process 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 September then next following. At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and eighty seven, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid; and the said Andrew and James by their Attorney aforesaid, prayed that a rule of Court be made for the said Alexander to declare against them: Thereupon day was given by the Court here until the second Tuesday of April then next following to the said Alexander to declare against the said Andrew and James; the same day was given to the said Andrew and James there and so forth. At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and eighty eight, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid; and the said Andrew and James by their Attorney aforesaid, prayed that the said Alexander against them might declare; Thereupon day was given by the Court here until the second Tuesday of September then next following to the said Alexander to declare against the said Andrew and James: and it was said to the said Alexander by the Court here, that he on that day should declare against the said Andrew and James, or that Judgment for default thereof against them should be rendered, the same day was given to the said Andrew and James there and so forth. At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and eighty eighty came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Alexander by his Attorney aforesaid, declared against the said Andrew and James in manner and form following, to wit: State of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Cecil County, to wit: Andrew Wilson and James Willie late of Cecil County, were summoned to answer unto Alexander Hapson of a plea, wherefore they took one hundred and ten Barrels of Herrings the proper Herrings of him the said Alexander Hapson, and the same unjustly detained against Sureties and Pledges and so forth. And whereupon the said Alexander Hapson by Peregrine Lethbury his Attorney complains that the aforesaid Andrew Wilson and James Willie, on the first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six at Cecil County aforesaid, took the aforesaid one hundred and ten Barrels of Herrings of him the said Alexander Hapson, and the same unjustly detains against Sureties and Pledges and so forth; wherefore the said Alexander Hapson saith he is the worse and hath Damage to the Value of three