John LeCompte, as the said Charles LeCompte by their Attorneys aforesaid, and thereupon day was further given as well to the said John LeCompte as to the said Charles LeCompte by the Court here, until the Monday before the second Tuesday in March then next following. And now here at this day, hereto, the Monday before the second Tuesday of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty nine, here came again as well the said John LeCompte by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney, as the said Charles LeCompte by his Attorney aforesaid; and the said Charles LeCompte by his Attorney aforesaid, produceth to the Court here, a Writ of Habeas Corpus of the said State of Maryland to the Justices and Sheriff aforesaid directed, the tenor whereof ensueth in the following words and figures, to wit:- The State of Maryland, ss: To the Justices and Sheriff of Dorchester County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Charles LeCompte son of Philemon is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain John LeCompte 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, should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court; therefore we command you that you have the body of the said Charles LeCompte son of Philemon, 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 September 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, the 6th day of May Anno Domini 1789.

Issued the 9th day of May Anno Domini 1789.

G. L. James Earle Clk.

Which being read and heard the same is by the Court allowed; and it is ordered

by the same Court, that if the cause of the caption and detention of the said Charles LeCompte together with the Record and Proceedings aforesaid and all Proceedings relating to the same be accordingly transmitted before the Honorable the Judges of the General Court, at their Court to be holden for the Eastern Shore of the said State at Talbot County Court house on the second Tuesday of September next ensuing, that the said Judges may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth.

H. Dickinson Clk.

Dorchester County, to wit: I hereby certify all persons whom it doth or may concern that the Transcript and Proceedings within described were faithfully and truly taken and copied from the Record and Proceedings of Dorchester County Court, now remaining in my Office.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the public seal of my Office this seventeenth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and eighty nine.

Dorct County Court Seal

H. Dickinson Clk. D.C.C.

At which said second Tuesday of September, seventeen hundred and eighty nine, came into the General Court here, the parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys aforesaid; and the said Charles by his Attorney aforesaid, prayed that a rule of Court might be made for the said John against him to declare; Thereupon day was given by the Court here until the second Tuesday of September then next following, to the said John to declare against him the said Charles; and it was said to the said John by the same Court, that he on that day should declare against the said Charles or that Judgment for default thereof against him the said John for the said Charles, should be rendered; the same day was given to the said Charles thereon and so forth. At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety, came again the parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys aforesaid; and the said John by his Attorney aforesaid, filed in Court in Court here, his Declaration in the plea aforesaid, against the said Charles in the manner and form following, to wit-