whereof ensues in the words and figures following, to wit: The State of Maryland, &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County, Greeting. Whereas a certain George Hamilton and Thomas Patten are detained in the prison of our said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Robert Lyon 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 bodies of the said George Hamilton and Thomas Patten, by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of their 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 14th day of April Anno Domini 1789. Issued the 2d day of May Anno Domini 1789.

James Earle Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and eighty nine, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, the Justices and Sheriff of Cecil County in compliance with the Writ aforesaid, made return thereof to the Court with the following Record annexed, to wit.

Cecil County, to wit: At a County Court of the State of Maryland held in and for Cecil County, at the Court house in the same County, on the Monday before the second Tuesday of June, being the eighth day of the same Month and in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and

eighty nine, by and before the Justices of our said Court and other Officers thereunto duly and legally assigned, commissioned and sworn and so forth.

Present

The Worshipful	Joseph Gilpin,	Nathaniel Ramsey,	Gentlemen Justices.
	Stephen Hyland,	Michael Wallace,	
	Samuel Glenn,	Richard Bond,	
	Samuel Miller,	Tobias Rudulph,	
	Elihu Hall,	Sidney George,	
	Peter Lawson,	John Miller,	
	Jeremiah Baker,	William Ward.	

James Orrick, Esqr. Shff. W Williams Clk.

In the Records and Proceedings of our said Court amongst others was the following, to wit:

Robert Lyon for the use of Robert Gilchrist vs George Hamilton & Thomas Patten

Cecil County, &c. Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty eighty, Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County, that he should take George Hamilton and Thomas Patten late of Cecil County yeomen, if they should be found in his Bailiwick, and them should safe keep, so that he might have their bodies before the Justices of Cecil County Court, to be held at the Court house in the same County, the Monday before the second Tuesday of March then next, to answer unto Robert Lyon of a plea, that they render unto him, the sum of one hundred pounds currency which to him they owe and unjustly detain and so forth, and that thereof he the said Sheriff was not to fail, and that he should have then and there that Writ &c.

And now here at this day, to wit, the Monday before the second Tuesday