and still doth refuse to, the Damage of him the said Robert three hundred pounds current money aforesaid, and therefore he brings suit &c. and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid, sealed with the seal of the aforesaid James which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth whose date is the day and year aforesaid –

Pledges of the Prosecution – John Doe and Richard Roe.

KNOW all men by these presents that we John and James Crawford both of Cecil County and State of Maryland, are held and firmly bound unto Robert Marquiss of the above County and State in the just and full sum of two hundred pounds Specie to be paid in Gold or Silver to Robert Marquiss, his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns: to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and every one of us by himself firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals the eighteenth day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty six – 1786.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound John and James Crawford or either or any of them or either or any of their Heirs, Executors or Administrators, do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Robert Marquiss, his Heirs, Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of one hundred pounds in money above mentioned at or before the first day of October one thousand seven hundred eighty eight: then this obligation to be void and of none effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in Law –

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Henry Ly[illegible] Richard Hall – John Crawford (Seal) Ja: Crawford (Seal)

Which being read and heard comes into Court as well the said Robert Marquiss by his Attorney aforesaid as the said James Crawford by Davidson David his Attorney, and the said Robert Marquiss by his Attorney aforesaid produces to the Court now here the following Certiorari, to wit:

The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Clerk of Cecil County, greeting: Whereas lately in our said Court James Crawford late of Cecil County, was summoned to answer unto Robert Marquiss of a plea of Debt and so forth; which said plea is still depending before you our said Justices, in our said County Court, as it is said and determined: and we being willing for certain reasons, that the Record and Proceedings 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 sixth day of May Anno Domini 1789.

Issued the 10th. day of August 1789.

Test 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 whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office for the County aforesaid this 31st. day of August 1789.

(Seal of Cecil County Court)

P. Williams Clk.

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 Robert by his Attorney aforesaid, prayed that a rule of Court might be made for the said James to file his plea and answer to the Declaration aforesaid, of him the said Robert, by the second Tuesday of April then next following, and it was granted unto him; and the said James by his Attorney aforesaid, defended the force and injury when and so forth, and prayed leave to imparle