County aft^d in compliance with the aft^d writ to them directed, made return thereof to the General Court here, with the following Record annexed, to wit. The execution of the above writ appears by the following proceedings The answer of the Hon^t James Tilghman chief Justice of the second District and Samuel Chew Esqr Associate Justice for Kent County & Philip Reed high Sheriff of Kent County. We James Tilghman & Samuel Chew Justices as afs^d and Philip Reed Sheriff To the honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland certify that command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the third Monday of March seventeen hundred and ninety two that he should take William Pope late of Kent County Inn Keeper if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at the Court-house in the Town of Chester in said County on the fourth Monday of October next to answer unto William Rasin of a plea of that he render unto him two hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland, which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. at which said fourth Monday of October Seventeen hundred and ninety two. came the afs^d William Rasin by William Tilghman his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ afs^d to the Court here, thereon indorsed as follows, Cepi Phil Reed Shff. And the afs^d William Pope by James Houston his Attorney comes and defends, the force and injury when &c. forth and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action afs^d until, the third Monday of March next, and he had it, the same day was given the afs^d William Rasin here &c. forth. At which third monday of March Seventeen hundred & ninety three, came again the Parties afs^d by their Attorneys afs^d and the afs^d William Rasin by his Attorney afs^d offered himself against the afs^d William Pope in the plea afs^d and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit.

William Pope late of Kent County Inn Keeper was summoned to answer unto William Rasin of a plea that he render unto him Two hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. forth. And whereupon the said William Rasin by William Tilghman his Attorney says that whereas the said William Pope on the first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & eighty seven, at the County afs^d by his certain writing obligatory with his Seal Sealed & to the Court here shewn the date whereof is the day & year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held & firmly bound unto the said William Rasin in the afs^d sum of two hundred pounds current money of Maryland to be paid to the said William Rasin when thereto afterwards he should be required yet the afs^d William Pope (altho' often required the aforesaid sum of money unto the said William Rasin hath not yet paid but the same to him to pay hath hitherto altogether refused & still doth refuse to the damage of the said William Rasin one hundred pounds Current Money aforesaid

thereupon he brings Suit &c. Wm Tilghman Pledges &c John Doe & Richard Roe. And the afs^d William Pope by his Attorney afs^d defends, the force and injury when &c. forth and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action afs^d until the fourth Monday of October next, and he had it the same day was given the afs^d William Rasin here &c. forth at which said fourth Monday of October Seventeen hundred & ninety three the afs^d William Pope by James Houston his Attorney here into Court doth come and alledges to the same Court that the Action afs^d so as afs^d depending between the afs^d William Rasin Plaintiff and him the said William Pope Defendant is by Habeas Corpus removed to the General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton in Talbot County at the Court House in the same County the second Tuesday of April next at all which the said Court for the County of Kent afs^d hath Legal Notice by Habeas Corpus amongst the proceedings of the same Court filed & allowed – In Testimony that the above is a true Copy of the Proceedings in the Action afs^d I Have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Public Seal Read of Kent County third day of April 1794. Ben Chambers Cl Kent Cty."

And thereupon came here into Court as well the said William Rasin by James Scott his Attorney, as the said William Pope by James Houston his Attorney aforesaid, and whereupon at the prayer of the said William Rasin, it was ruled by the Court here that the said William Pope should file his plea and answer to the Declaration of the said William Rasin, according to the rule of this Court in such case to be observed, or that in default thereof Judgment should be rendered against him the said William Pope on the second Tuesday of September then next. The same day was also given to the said William Rasin then &c. forth. – At which said second Tuesday of September Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & ninety four, here came again into Court the Parties afs^d by their Attorneys afs^d whereupon at the prayer of the said William Rasin by his said Attorney, it was further ruled by the Court here, that the said William Pope should file his plea in answer to the Declaration of the said William Rasin, according to the rule of this Court in such case to be observed, or that Judgment should be rendered against him the said William Pope by default, ~~on the second Tuesday of~~ April then next. The same day was also given to the said William Rasin then &c. – And now here at this day, to wit: The said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & ninety five, here came again into Court, the Parties afs^d by their Attorneys, and the said William Pope by his Attorney afs^d defends the wrong & injury when &c. forth, and saith, that he cannot gainsay the Action afs^d of the said William Rasin so as against him brought, nor can he deny but that the bending Obligatory afs^d is the Deed of him the said William Pope, nor but that he owes to him the said William Rasin the aforesaid sum of Two hundred pounds Current