Whereas John Bowman William French and John Crawford surviving Partners of John Bowman William French, George Crawford and John Crawford lately to wit, on the second Tuesday of September Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine before the Judges of the General Court held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton in Talbot County by Consideration of the same Court did recover Judgment against Ann Downes Vachel Downes Edward Downes and John King Downes, late of Queen Ann's County Executors of the last Will and Testament of Charles Downes late of Queen Ann's County deceased otherwise called Charles Downes Planter, for as well a certain Debt of Two hundred and forty five pounds four shillings Current Money, as also the quantity of six hundred and twenty pounds of Tobacco, which was then and there adjudged unto the said John Bowman, William French and John Crawford surviving Partners afsd in our same Court for their Damages which they have sustained, as well by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in that behalf, laid out and expended whereof they are convicted as of Record is manifest: And altho: Judgment hath been rendered as aforesaid Execution nevertheless yet remaineth to be done, And we being willing that what is just in this part should be done: Do therefore command you that by good and lawful men of your Bailiwick you make known unto the said Ann, Vachel, Edward and John King Downes Executors aforesaid that they be and appear before the Judges of our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April to shew cause if any they have or know why Execution against them for the Debt and Damages aforesaid of the Goods and Chattels which were of the aforesaid Charles Downes at the time of his death in the hands of the same Ann, Vachel, Edward & John King Downes Executors aforesaid to be administered to have ought not, according to the force form and effect of the recovery aforesaid it to them it shall seem meet and further to do and receive all and singular those things which shall then and there be adjudged: And have you then and there the names of those by whom you shall make the same known and this writ. Witness the honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court, the 10th day of September Anno Domini 1793.

Issued the 21st day of March 1794 (Witn.) James Earle jun^r Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April, to wit, the day of the return of the aforegoing writ here came the said John Bowman, William French and John Crawford surviving Partners as afsd by their Attorney afsd, And the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County afsd to whom the said Writ was directed, made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit: "Sir Edward Nihil Ann, John King Downes Mentioned within Vachel Th. O'Bryan Shff Q. A. County."

And the said Edward Downes by Robert Wright his Attorney came here into Court, whereupon at the prayer of the said Plaintiffs by their said Attorney, it was ordered by the Court that the said

Writ of Scire facias should be renewed against the said Ann & John K. Downes returnable to the then next Court, which was accordingly done to wit on the sixth day of May then next following: And it was also ruled by the Court at the prayer of the said Plaintiffs, by their Attorney aforesaid, that the said Defendant should file his Plea in answer to the writ of Scire facias of them the said Plaintiffs, according to the rule of this Court in such case to be observed, or that Judgment by default thereof should be rendered by the Court for the said Plaintiffs against him the said Edward Downes, on the second Tuesday of September then next following: The same day was also given to the said Parties then & so forth — Afterwards to wit, on the nineteenth day of August in the year One thousand seven hundred & ninety four afsd the said Edward Downes by his Attorney afsd filed his Plea in answer to the writ afsd of them the said Plaintiffs agreeable to the afsd rule of Court in such case made & form following, to wit.

"Ann, Vachel, Edward & John King Downes Executors of Charles Downes Cals John Bowman and others surv: Part: of Bowman French and Crawford — And the said Ann, Vachel and Edward and John King Downes by Robert Wright their Attorney come and defend the force and injury when and so forth. And pray aye of the writ of Scire facias and to them it is read in these words following to wit. (as above) which being read and heard the said Ann, Vachel, Edward & John, say that the said John Bowman and others ought not to have their Execution agst them for the Debt and costs afsd because they say there is no Record of such Judgment afsd and Recovery afsd in the same General Court and now here remaining as the said John Bowman and others by their writ afsd supposed and this they are ready to verify &c. Wherefore they pray Judgment if the same John Bowman and others ought to have their Execution afsd for the Debt & Costs afsd agst them &c. And the said Ann, Vachel, Edward & John by leave of the Court here according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided come and further defend the force and injury when &c. And say that the said John Bowman and others ought not to have their Execution agst them, for the Debt & Costs afsd because they say that after the recovery of the Judgment afsd in the writ of Scire facias afsd above mentioned and before the issuing the said Writ of Scire facias, to wit, on the day of Seventeen hundred and afsd they the afsd Ann, Vachel, Edward and John paid to the afsd John Bowman and others the sum of Two hundred and forty five pounds four shillings Current Money and the Quantity of six hundred and twenty pounds of Tobacco the Costs of Suit in Satisfaction and discharge of the Judgment afsd, to wit at the General Court afsd which said sum of Two hundred and forty five pounds four shillings Current and the quantity of six hundred and twenty pounds of Tobacco the Costs of the suit afsd the said Bowman & others then & there received and accepted in full Satisfaction and discharge of the Judgment afsd & this they are ready to verify & whereof they pray Judgment