State, use of William Edmondson
against
Charles Le Compte, of Philemon

Memorandum. The Defendant in this Cause by Gustavus Scott his Attorney sued out the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus: The Tenor whereof ensues in the Words and figures following, towit.

The State of Maryland, &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Dorchester County Greeting. Whereas a certain Charles Lecompte son of Philemon, late of Dorchester County is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of the State of Maryland of a plea of Debt &c. wherefore, 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 taption 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 Easton in the same County, the second Tuesday of April next, that our said Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains &c. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honourable Robert Goldsborough Esquire a Judge of our said Court the 13th day of Sept. Anno Dom 1791. Issued the 29th day of October Anno Domini 1791.—

(G S.) James Earle Clk.

At which day, towit, the second Tuesday of April in the year, seventeen hundred and ninety two, being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ, the Justices and Sheriff of Dorchester County in compliance with the Writ aforesaid made return thereof to the Judges of our General Court here with the following Record annexed, towit.—

In the Records and Proceedings of Dorchester County it is amongst other things enrolled as follows, towit.—

Dorchester County, towit. At a County Court of the State of Maryland held for Dorchester County, at Cambridge in the said County on Monday the twenty fourth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one before the Honorable John Done Esquire and his Associates the said State's Justices of the same County Court duly Commissioned and assigned to keep the Peace in the same County of whom were present

John Done, Esquire Chief Justice
Robert Harrison Esquire } Associate Justices.
Moses Le Compte Esquire }

Charles Hodson, Sheriff.— H. Dickinson Clk.—

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} Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County on the twenty first day of June in the year seventeen hundred and ninety that he should take Charles Le Compte of Philemon, late of Dorchester County planter if in his Bailiwick he should be found, and him in his Custody safely keep, so that he should have his Body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Cambridge in the said County, the Monday before the second Tuesday in October then next following, to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he should render unto the said State the sum of seven hundred pounds current Money, which to the said State he owed and from the said State unjustly detained &c. and so forth. And that he should have then and there that Writ.—

At which day, towit, the said Monday before the second Tuesday in October here came into Court Nicholas Hammond Gentleman Attorney of the said State of Maryland who for the same State in this behalf did prosecute, and John Eccleston then the Sheriff of the County af. to the Court here made return that he had taken the body of the said Charles Le Compte and the same had ready according to the exigence of the said Writ— And the said Charles Le Compte by Gustavus Scott his Attorney came here into Court