Corn field in Wheat at the common season and give up the possession of the said Land and Plantation to the said Chas. Stokeley his Heirs or Assigns on the first day of Jany one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight. Then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law. —

Signed, Sealed & Delivered In presents of — John Cook Stewart (Seal) — Solomon Ross (Seal)

Reuben his R. Ross mark

Edwd. Travis his T. Ross mark.

And the said John Cook Stewart by his Attorney aft. defied the wrong and injury when &c. and prayed the liberty of imparling thereof until the fourth Monday in October then next following; and it was granted unto him. The same day was given to the said Charles Stokeley there, &c. —

And now here at this day, towit, the said fourth Monday in October, come again into Court as well the said Charles Stokeley as the said John Cook Stewart by their Attornies aft. producethe to the Court here a Writ of Habeas Corpus of the said State of Maryland, to the Justices and Sheriff aft. directed, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following Words and figures, towit. —

The State of Maryland &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Dorchester County Greeting: Whereas a certain John Cook Stewart late of Dorchester County planter, is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you, our said Sheriff at the Suit of a certain Charles Stokeley of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of One hundred and fifty pounds Current money, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth; 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 aft. 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 John Cook Stewart by whatsoever Name or Names he may be called in the plea aft. together with the Cause of his 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 at Easton in Talbot County

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at the Court House 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 and so forth — Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ — Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire one of the Judges of our said Court the 13th day of Sept. Anno Domini 1791 — Issued the 29th day of Sept. Anno 1791.

Test. James Earle Clk. —

Which being read and heard the same is by the Court allowed; and it is ordered by the same Court that the Cause of the Caption and detention of the said John Cook Stewart together with the Record and Process aft. and all proceedings relating to the same be accordingly transmitted before the Honorable the Judges of the General Court, at their Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State, at Easton in Talbot County on the second Tuesday of April next ensuing that the said Judges may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains &c. so forth.

Test. J. Dickinson Clk. —

Dorchester County, towit. — I hereby certify to all persons whom it doth or may concern that the Transcript and Proceedings within described were faithfully and truly taken and Copied from the Records and Proceedings of Dorchester County Court now remaining in my Office: In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my Hand and affixed the Public Seal of my Office this seventeenth day of December in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one — J. Dickinson Clk. Dor. Coty Court —

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And the Sheriff of Dorchester County aft. came into our General Court here and made return, that he had then and there the body of the said John Cook Stewart as by the aft. Writ of Habeas Corpus he was commanded: Thereupon came into our said Court here, as well the said Charles Stokeley by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said John Cook Stewart by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney. And the said Charles Stokeley by his Attorney aft. prayed that the said John C. Stewart to his Declaration aft. should answer: Whereupon it was ruled by the Court, that the said John C. Stewart should answer to the Declaration of the said Charles Stokeley by the second Tuesday of September then next, or that Judgment by default thereof against him the John C. Stewart should be rendered: The same day was given to the said Charles Stokeley there, &c. — At which said Day, towit, the second Tuesday of September in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, here came again the said