Hollingsworth by the Court here with his agent adjudged &c. as forth. And the said Daniel Groome in mercy &c. as forth.

James Earle junr. Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 11th day of April Anno Domini 1794. To be released on payment of Principal, Interest &c. Stay of Execn. till next Court. Payments if any to be allowed.

Thomas Worrell & Wife Admrx. of Alexr. Beck against Daniel Groome

The Defendant by his Attorney impleads out of the General Court Office for the Eastern Shore of this State, the said State writ of Habeas Corpus, which answers in manner & form following, to wit. The State of Maryland, &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Daniel Groome is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain Thomas Worrell & wife Administratrix of Alexander Beck of a plea of Debt &c. as 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 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 Daniel Groome by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid 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 in Talbot County 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 as forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable Thomas Chase Esquire chief Judge of our said Court the 11th day of Septr. Anno Domini 1793.

Issued the 27th day of Octobr. Anno Domini (Jno. Scott)

Jas. Earle Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini Seventeen hundred & ninety three, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County did in compliance with the same writ make a return thereof to the court here made thereon, with the following record annexed, to wit. The execution of the above writ appears by the following proceedings. The answer of Thomas Pilchman Esqr. chief Justice of the second district and Samuel Chew & James Lloyd Esqrs. Associate Justices of Kent County Court and Philip Reed high Sheriff of the same County. We James Pilchman Samuel Chew & James Lloyd Justices as aforesaid 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 one that he should take the body of Daniel Groome late of Kent County Farmer 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 Thomas Worrell and Abigail his Wife who was lately called Abigail Beck Administratrix of all & singular the goods & chattels rights & credits which were of Alexander Beck late of Kent County deceased of a plea that he render unto them the sum of One hundred and eighty pounds current money which from them he unjustly detains and so forth. At which said fourth Monday of October Seventeen hundred and ninety one came the ap. Thomas & Abigail Worrell by William Pilchman their Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ ap. to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows to wit. Execd. Josiah Johnson Shff. Thereupon Samuel Groome of Kent County Farmer in his proper person here into Court did come and become pledge and security for the ap. Daniel Groome that if it should happen to the said Daniel Groome to be convicted in the plea ap. then the same security granted as well the Debt ap. as all the Damages Costs and Charges which to the same

Thomas & Abigale Worrell in the plea ap. should be adjudged of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of the said James Groome to be made and for the use of the said Thomas & Abigail to be levied, if it should happen that the said Daniel Groome the Debt and Damages aforesaid of the said Thomas and Abigail in the plea ap. should not pay or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County on that occasion render, And the ap. Daniel Groome by Shw Scott his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and as forth. And the ap. Thomas & Abigail by their Attorney ap. offered themselves against the ap. Daniel Groome in the plea ap. and complained thereof against him in the following words to wit. Kent County, to wit. Daniel Groome late of Kent County Farmer was summoned to answer unto Thomas Worrell & Abigail his Wife who was lately called Abigail Beck Administratrix of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits which were of Alexander Beck late of Kent County deceased of a plea that he render unto them the sum of One hundred and eighty pounds current money which from them he unjustly detains &c. as forth. And whereupon the said Thomas & Abigail by William Pilchman their Attorney complain that whereas the said Daniel Groome on the twenty fourth day of April in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty four (together with a certain Charles Groome of Kent County now deceased and whom the said Daniel hath survived) at the County ap. by his certain writing obligatory sealed with the seal of the said Daniel and to the Court here shown the date whereof is the same day and year ap. acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Alexander Beck in his life time in the ap. sum of One hundred & eighty pounds Specie to be paid to the said Alexander when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the ap. Daniel or the said Charles in his life time although often thereunto required the ap. sum of money to him the said Alexander in his life time or to the said Thomas & Abigail or either of them since the death of the said Alexander hath not paid but the same to them to pay have altogether refused and the said Daniel since the death of the said Charles and whom he hath survived to pay the same to the said Thomas & Abigale still doth refuse to the damage of the said Thomas & Abigale One hundred & eighty pounds current money of Maryland and therefore they bring suit, &c.

Wm. Pilchman for Plffs. — Pledges &c. — John Doe & Richd. Roe.

Copy of the penal obligatory ap. here followed. Know all men by these presents that we Daniel Groome and Charles Groome both of Kent County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto Alexander Beck of the same County and State aforesaid Farmer in the just and full sum of One hundred & eighty pounds Specie to be paid to the said Alexander Beck his certain Attorney Executors Administrators or Assigns. To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our Heirs and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord 1784. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Daniel Groome his Heirs Executors and Administrators do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Alexander Beck his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of ninety pounds Specie at the end of two years from the date of this obligation with interest thereon at 6 p.c. then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Daniel Groome (Seal)
Charles Groome (Seal)

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of James Groome.

Indorsed as follows to wit paid this 13th June 1787. the sum of — 17.. 3.. 9.
paid this 22d Decr. 1788. the sum of — 5.. 8.. 0.
1788. Aprl. 24th. To ballce. of the within bond & Intt. till this day — 90.. 0.. 0.
1791. Augst. 24 To Intt. on said bond to this day — 18.. 0.. 0.
108.. 0.. 0.
paid this day to Thos. Worrell for the within Bond — 45.. 15.. 11.
Balance due this day — £62.. 4.. 1.