April Term 1794.

To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, Greeting. Whereas a certain Daniel Groome late of Kent County is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Thomas Anderson and Company of a plea of Debt 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 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 appertaining, and so forth.

Witness Samuel Chase Esqr. Chief Judge of our said Court the 11 day of Septr. Anno Dominii 1792.

Issued the 21 day of March Anno Dominii 1793. (Jno. Scott) James Earle jun. Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April, in the year Seventeen hundred & ninety three, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ of Habeas Corpus, the Justices & Sheriff of Kent County, to whom the same writ was directed, made return thereof, with the following record annexed, to wit

The execution of the above writ appears by the following proceedings, to wit. The answer of James Pilchman Esqr. chief Justice of the second district and Samuel Chew and James Lloyd Esqrs. Associate Justices of Kent County Court, and Philip Reed, high Sheriff of the same County, to wit. I James Pilchman, Samuel Chew & James Lloyd Esqrs. 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 fourth Monday of October seventeen hundred and ninety one, that he should take Daniel Groome, late of Kent County, Planter 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 third monday of March next, to answer unto Thomas Anderson & Co. in a plea that he render unto them the sum of eighty five pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence current money which from them he unjustly detains &c. and so forth. At which said third Monday of March Seventeen hundred & ninety two, came the aforesd. Thomas Anderson & Co. by James Houston their Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ aforesd. to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows, to wit, Capi corpus Philip Reed Shff. Thereupon James Groome of Kent County, Farmer in his proper person here into Court did come and became pledge and security for the aforesd. Daniel Groome that if it should so happen to the aforesd. Daniel Groome to be convicted in the plea aforesd. that then the same security granted as well the Debt aforesd. as the Damages costs & Charges which to the said Thomas Anderson & Co. in the plea aforesd. 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 Anderson & Co. levied if it should happen that the said Daniel Groome the debt and damages costs & charges of the said Thomas Anderson & Co. in the plea aforesd. should not pay or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County on that occasion render. And the aforesd. Thomas Anderson & Co.

by their Attorney aforesd. offered themselves against the aforesd. Daniel in the plea aforesd. and complained thereof against him in the following words, to wit Kent County, to wit Daniel Groome late of Kent County Farmer, Plaintiffs was summoned to answer unto Thomas Anderson & Co. in a plea that he render unto them the sum of eighty five pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence current money which from them he unjustly detains &c. and so forth. And whereupon the said Thomas Anderson & Co. by James Houston their Attorney complain that whereas the said Daniel Groome on the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety one at Kent County aforesd. by his certain writing obligatory sealed with the seal of the said Daniel and to the Court now here shewn the date whereof is on the same day by year acknowledged himself to be held bound to the said Thomas Anderson & Co. in the said eighty five pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence to be paid to the said Thomas Anderson & Co. when he the said Daniel Groome should be thereunto afterwards required. Nevertheless the said Daniel altho' required &c. hath not yet paid the said eighty pounds seventeen shillings & nine pence to the said Thomas Anderson & Co. but hitherto hath refused & still doth refuse to pay the same to them, to the damage of the said Thomas Anderson & Co. twenty pounds and therefore they bring suit &c.

James Houston for — Pledges &c. — John Doe & Richard Roe

Over of the Writing obligatory aforesd. Know all men by these presents that I Daniel Groome of Kent County & State of Maryland Planter am held and firmly bound — Thomas Anderson & Co. of the County & State aforesd. Merchants in the full and just sum of eighty five pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence currency to be paid to the said Thomas Anderson & Co. or their certain attorney, executors, administrators or assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made & done I bind myself my Heirs, Executors and Administrators and each of them firmly by these presents sealed with my seal dated the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety one. The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Daniel Groome his Heirs executors administrators or any of them shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Thomas Anderson & Co. or their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the full and just sum of forty two pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence one half penny specie or the value thereof without any fraud or delay then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Daniel Groome (Seal)

Sealed & delivered in the presence of Donald McQueen —

And the aforesd. Daniel Groome by John Scott his Attorney comes and defends the force & injury when and so forth. and prays leave of imparling thereof here to the action aforesd. until the fourth monday of October next. and he had it, the same day was given the aforesd. Thomas Anderson & Co. here and so forth. At which said fourth monday of October Seventeen hundred and ninety two, came again the Parties aforesd. by their Attorneys aforesd. and the aforesd. Daniel by his Attorney aforesd. prays further liberty of imparling thereof here to the action aforesd. until the third Monday of March next, and he had it the same day was given the aforesd. Thomas Anderson & Co. here and so forth. At which said third Monday of March seventeen hundred & ninety three came again the Parties aforesd. by their Attorneys aforesd. and the aforesd. Daniel by his Attorney aforesd. alledges to the Court here that the action aforesd. was aforesd. depending between the said Thomas Anderson & Co. plaintiffs and him the said Daniel Groome defendant was by Habeas Corpus removed to the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland, to be held at the Court House in