aforesaid Philip Nichlin, by Williams Tilghmans, his attorney, and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the writ aforesaid, to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows to wit, Executed the within writ on the within named Thomas Pearce at the suit of the within named Philip Nichlin, Thereupon Robert Pearce of Kent County, in his proper person, here into Court did come and became pledge and security for the aforesaid Thomas Pearce in the plea aforesaid, that if it should happen that the said Thomas Pearce to be convicted in the plea aforesaid, that then the same Security granted as well the debt aforesaid, as all the damages Cost and Charges, which the aforesaid Philip Nichlin in the plea aforesaid should be adjudged of the goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements of the said Robert to be made and levied of the said Philip Nichlin to be levied if it should happen that the said Thomas Pearce the debt and damages Cost and Charges of the aforesaid Philip, in the plea aforesaid should not pay or cause to be paid to the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County without Diminution or Delay, and the aforesaid Thomas Pearce by William Bassett, his attorney came and defends the force and injury when &c. and prays Liberty of Imparling thereof here to the action aforesaid, until the third monday of March next and he had it the same day was given the aforesaid Philip Nichlin, here and so forth. At which third monday of March aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the aforesaid Philip Nichlin by his attorney aforesaid offered himself against the aforesaid Thomas Pearce in the plea aforesaid and complained thereof against him in the following words to wit,

Thomas Pearce late of Kent County Merchant was summoned to answer unto Philip Nichlin, in a plea that he render unto him three hundred & seven pounds five Shillings & eight pence current money of Pennsylvania which to him he owes and unjustly detains & unjustly detains &c. Ana Whereupon the said Philip Nichlin by William Tilghman, his attorney doth say that whereas the aforesaid Thomas Pearce, on the fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety one at the County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory with his Seal Sealed & to the Court here shown the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Philip in the aforesaid sum of three hundred & seven pounds five Shillings and eight pence current money of Pennsylvania of the value of the same sum current money of Maryland to the said Philip to him the said aforesaid he should be required, Nevertheless the aforesaid Thomas altho often required the aforesaid sum of three hundred & seven pounds five Shillings and eight pence current money of Pennsylvania of the value of the same sum in current money of Maryland as aforesaid unto the said Philip Nichlin hath not paid, but the same to pay hath hitherto altogether refused and still doth refuse the damages of the said Philip three hundred and seven pounds five Shillings and eight pence current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit &c.

Wm Tilghman Atty for John Dee & Richard Roe,

and the aforesaid Thomas Pearce by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays Liberty of imparling thereof to the action aforesaid until the fourth monday of October next and he had it the same day was given the aforesaid Philip Nichlin here &c. At which said fourth monday of October Seventeen hundred and ninety three, the aforesaid Thomas Pearce by William Bassett, his attorney here into Court doth come and alledges that

same Court, that the action aforesaid so as aforesaid depending between the aforesaid Philip Nichlin Plaintiff, and him the said Thomas Pearce defendant is by Habeas Corpus summoned to the General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton, in Talbot County, at the Court house in that County, the second Tuesday of April next of all which the said Court for the County of Kent is hereby legal notice, by Habeas Corpus, amongst the proceedings of the same Court to be allowed.

Seal of Kent County Court

In Testimony that the above is a true Copy of the proceedings in the action aforesaid I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the publick Seal of Kent County this 7th day of April 1794.

Ben: Chambers Clk K.C.

Thereupon the Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid reported to the Court here that he had the body of the said Thomas Pearce here ready at the bar by the said writ of Habeas Corpus he was commanded, and the said Thomas Pearce by William Bassett his attorney appeared, here in our General Court, and the said Philip Nichlin by his attorney aforesaid prayed that the said Thomas Pearce might be ruled to file his plea in answer to the Declaration of him the said Philip Nichlin, now depending in the second Tuesday in September this next or that Judgment on Default thereof against him the said Thomas Pearce might be rendered: and it was granted unto him the same day was given to the said Philip Nichlin there &c. And now here at this day to wit, the second Tuesday in September in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety four, here came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said Thomas Pearce by his attorney aforesaid, as well the force and injury when &c. and doth say that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid against him the said Philip Nichlin, now aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owes to the said Philip Nichlin the aforesaid sum of three hundred and seven pounds five Shillings and eight pence current money in manner and form aforesaid, so as aforesaid against him complained, Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Philip Nichlin do recover against the said Thomas Pearce his debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, and also the Quantity of nine hundred and one pounds which was adjudged for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended and the said Thomas Pearce in mercy &c.

James Earle Jun. Clk

Judgment was confessed in this action at the tenth day of September anno Domini 1794 for penalty & Costs. Else remand at payment of the principal Interest and Costs. payments if any to be allowed. Stay of execution till September Term 1795.

Charles Wallace & John Adair. against James Pearce.

Be it remembered that on the thirty first day of March anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety four, the State of Maryland sent its Close writ to the Sheriff of Kent County, in manner and form following, The State of Maryland. To Peter Sheriff of Kent County Greeting: whereas at a General Court held at Easton, the first Tuesday of September anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety one; before the Honorable Thomas Johnson Esquire Chief Judge of the