as by the writ is commanded me. And the aforesaid Richard Ellison being called upon appeared and by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney came and prayed Liberty of Imparling thereof here until the monday before the third Tuesday in march next and he had it the same day was given the aforesaid Plaintiff here &c so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in March seventeen hundred and eighty seven came as well the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney as the aforesaid Defendant by his said Attorney and the aforesaid Defendant by his said Attorney prayed further liberty of imparling thereof here until the monday before the third Tuesday in June next and he had it the same day was given the aforesaid Plaintiff here &c so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in June came as well the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney as the aforesaid defendant by his said Attorney and at the prayer of the aforesaid Defendant by his said Attorney it is ruled that the said Plaintiff declare against the said Defendant here the Monday before the third Tuesday in October next, & by concent of the Parties aforesaid the same day was given the Parties aforesaid here until &c so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in October came as well the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney as the aforesaid Defendant by his said Attorney and the prayer of the said Plaintiff by his said Attorney the rule aforesaid is extended and the process aforesaid between the Parties aforesaid by their consent continued here until the Monday before the third Tuesday in March next and so forth. — At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in March Seventeen hundred and eighty eight came as well the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney as the aforesaid Defendant by his said Attorney and at the prayer of the said Plaintiff by his said Attorney the rule aforesaid is extended and the process aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by the consent of the said Parties is continued here until the Monday before the third Tuesday in June next &c so forth. At which said Monday before third Tuesday in June came the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney and suggested to the Court here the death of the aforesaid Richard Collison and at the prayer of the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney the rule aforesaid is extended and it is ordered that subpena issue for the legal representative of the aforesaid Richard Collison to appear and defend in this cause the Monday before the third Tuesday in October next, the same day was given the aforesaid Plaintiff here &c so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in October came as well the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney and Moses Walker Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of the said Richard Collison deceased being summoned came by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney and prayed further liberty of imparling thereof here until the Monday before the third Tuesday in March next, and he had it the same day was given to the aforesaid Plaintiff here and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in March seventeen hundred and eighty nine came as well the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney as the aforesaid Defendant by his said Attorney and at the prayer of the said Plaintiff by his said Attorney the process aforesaid between the parties aforesaid is continued here until the monday before the third Tuesday in June next and so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in June came as well the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney as the aforesaid defendant by his said Attorney and at the prayer of the said Plaintiff by his said Attorney the



process aforesaid between the parties aforesaid continued here until the Monday before the third Tuesday in October next &c so forth. At which said Monday before the third Tuesday in October came as well the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney as the aforesaid Defendant by his said Attorney and the aforesaid Plaintiff by his said Attorney offers himself against the said Defendant in the plea aforesaid and complaines in manner and form following, to wit. That whereas on the ~~sixteenth~~ day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and three and for a long time before and afterwards a hostile and open war was carried on between the King of Great Britain and the United States of America and then and during all the said time private Sloops and Schooners and other vessels of war of the said King and his Subjects made depridation on and captured and seized many vessels of the Subjects and Citizens of the said United States within the Bay of Chesapeak as well above as before the mouth of Choptank River which emties into the said Bay and that on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid the said Richard Ellison was possessed of a Schooner Bay Vessel called the Eagle loaded and bound from the said Choptank river to Baltimore Town under the Command of the said John then thereto appointed by the said Richard and afterwards to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid at the County of Caroline aforesaid and before the Schooner Eagle sailed on her said Intended voyage from Choptank to Baltimore aforesaid a communication was had and moved by and between the said Richard and the said John of and concerning a ransom of the said Vessel should it so happen that she should be captured by the enemy aforesaid and thereupon it was determined and ordered by the said Richard that if the said Schooner Eagle should be captured by the said enemy whilst she was proceeding in her said Voyage that then and in such case he the said John should ransom the said Schooner Eagle provided he could accomplish it at and for the price of one hundred pounds current money of Maryland and promised on notice thereof he the said Richard would pay the ransom and thereupon afterwards to wit on the same day and year aforesaid at Caroline County aforesaid the said John set out with and on board the said Schooner Eagle as her Commander under such order to ransom as aforesaid and proceeded on his said voyage from Choptank to Baltimore as aforesaid and so continued proceeding until the sixteenth day of March then next following when he fell in with in the Bay above the mouth of Choptank and near the lower end of Kent Point a British private Schooner of war and was unfortunately and unwillingly there by her captured and seized and thereupon afterwards to wit, on the said sixteenth day of March the said John in obedience to his said orders so as aforesaid to him given by the said Richard and in confidence of and trusting the promise of the said Richard so as aforesaid made did ransom the said Schooner Eagle of and from the Commander of the said Private Schooner of war for the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid within a week thereafter at a place in the said Bay called the devils island and as a pledge and security for the due payment thereof the said John went Hostage with the said British Private Schooner of war, by means whereof the said Schooner was discharged and proceeded on her said voyage to Baltimore aforesaid and returned in safety to the said Richard and the said John in fact saith that after the capture and ransom as aforesaid, to wit on the said