shall and do well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Philip Brooks, his certain Attorney, Excr. Admr. or assigns the just and full sum of thirty nine pounds current money as aforesaid, with legal Interest thereon from the date hereof: then the above obligation to be void; else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law. Signed, Sealed and delivered, in presence of Jeremiah Cooden. Thos. Ringgold (Seal)

And the afd. Thomas by his Attorney afd. alledges to the Court here, that the action afd. so as afd. depending, between the afd. Philip Brooks, plaintiff and him the said Thomas Ringgold, Defendant, was by Habeas Corpus removed to the General Court, for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland, to be held at Easton in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of April next, of all which the said Court for the County of Kent hath legal notice by Habeas Corpus amongst the proceedings of the same Court, filed and allowed. In Testimony that the above is a true copy of the proceedings of in the action afd. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Kent County this 2d day of January 1795.

(Place of the Seal of Kent Cty. Court)

Ben: Chambers Clk. Kent Cty.

Thereupon at the prayer of the said Philip Brooks by his Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said Thomas Ringgold should file his plea in answer to the Declaration afd. of the said Philip Brooks by the second Tuesday in September then next following, or that Judgment by default thereof against the said Thomas Ringgold should be rendered: the same day was given to the plaintiff also. At which said second Tuesday in September, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five came again the parties afd. by their Attorneys afd. And the said Thomas Ringgold, by his Attorney afd. filed his plea, in answer to the Declaration afd. of him the said Philip Brooks in manner and form following, to wit. Kent County, Eastern Shore of Maryland. And the afd. Thomas Ringgold by Robert Wright his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays a hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and he hath it, he also prays a hearing of the Condition of the same writing obligatory and he hath it. which being read and heard the said Thomas saith that the afd. Philip his action aforesaid, thereof against him to have or maintain ought not, because he the same Thomas after the making the writing obligatory afd. before the impetration of the original writ of him the said Philip, to wit, on the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four paid the said Philip the afd. sum of thirty nine pounds current money, in the same Condition above mentioned with Legal Interest afd. according to the form and effect of the same Condition, to wit, at Kent County afd. and this he is ready to verify: Wherefore he prays Judgment if the afd. Philip his action afd. against him the same Thomas, to have and maintain ought &c. Robert Wright pro def.

Thereupon further process of and upon the Proceedings, between the parties afd.

was continued unto the second Tuesday in April, then next following. At which said second Tuesday in April, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, came again the parties afd. by their Attorneys afd. And the said Thomas Ringgold by his Attorney afd. defends the wrong and injury when & so forth, and says that the Action afd. so as afd. against him brought he cannot gainsay, nor can he deny but that the said writing obligatory in the declaration above mentioned, is the deed of him the said Thomas Ringgold, nor but that he owes to him the said Philip Brooks, the aforesaid sum of seventy eight pounds current money, in manner and form as the said Philip Brooks against him hath complained: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Philip Brooks, recover against the said Thomas Ringgold, as well the Debt afd. in form afd. acknowledged, as also the Quantity of nine hundred and thirty five pounds of Tobacco, for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit, in this behalf expended: Unto the said Philip Brooks by the Court here, with his assent adjudged &c. and the said Thomas Ringgold in Mercy &c. & so forth. James Earle Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 5. day of April, in the year 1796 for penalty & Costs. To be released on payment of Principal, Interest & Costs. payment if any to be allowed. Stay of Execution till next Term.

William Ringgold, use of Thomas Whittington against Thomas Ringgold

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the first day of November, in the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety four the said Thomas Ringgold the Defendant in this Cause by Luther Martin and Robert Wright his Attorneys, prosecuted and sued forth, out of the General Court here, the Writ of the State of Maryland of Habeas Corpus, to the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Kent County Court, and the Sheriff of the said County directed, in manner and form and of the Tenor following, to wit.

The State of Maryland to the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County, greeting: Whereas a certain Thomas Ringgold, is detained in the prison of our said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the Suit of a certain William Ringgold of a plea of Debt, which said plea, as it is said, State 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 Thomas Ringgold, by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together, with the cause of his Caption & 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. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then & there this Writ,