that the Record and Proceeding in the plea aforesaid should by you be certified to us, We command you that you send, under your Seals, the Record of the Proceedings aforesaid in the plea aforesaid with all things touching the same, unto our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Easton, in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of April next, plainly and distinctly, and in as full and ample manner, as it remains in you, together with this Writ, so that we may be able thereon to proceed and to do what shall appear to us of right and ought to be done. Witness the Honorable Jeremiah T. Chase Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court this 8th day of September anno Domini 1793. Issued the 28th day of March 1795.

J. Ames Earle Junr. Clerk.

At which said second Tuesday of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, came into Court the said State of Maryland by James Houston its Attorney, and the Justices of Kent County aforesaid to whom the Writ of Certiorari aforesaid was directed made return thereof to the Court here with the following Record annexed, to wit.

"The Answer of Samuel Hillyman Esquire Chief Justice, and Samuel Chew and Philip Reed Esqrs. Associate Justices of Kent County Court. The Record and Proceedings as above Written with all things touching the same we Certify to the Honorable the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland in a certain Schedule to the Writ annexed as above Commanded.

Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the fourth Monday of October seventeen hundred and ninety five, that he should take Robert Buchanan late of Kent County, 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 the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of six thousand six hundred pounds Current Money which to the said State he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. At which same third Monday of March seventeen hundred and ninety six came Peregrine Featherstone Attorney for the State of Maryland, and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ aforesaid to the Court here thereon endorsed as follows, to wit.

"Capi Corpus" "Cath. Hall Jr. Shff." Upon the plea of Peregrine Featherstone Attorney for the State of Maryland, offered himself against him the said Robert Buchanan in the plea aforesaid, and Complained thereof against him in the following, to wit. Kent County, to wit. Robert Buchanan late of Kent County was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of six thousand six hundred pounds current money which to the said State he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And Whereupon the said State by Peregrine Featherstone its Attorney saith that whereas the said Robert on the twenty second day of June seventeen hundred and ninety five, at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing Obligatory, acknowledged himself to be bound to the said State in the sum of six thousand six hundred pounds current money, to be paid to the said State when he should be thereto afterwards required. Nevertheless the said Robert altho' often requested the said six thousand six hundred pounds to the said State hath not yet paid, but hath hitherto entirely refused and still doth refuse to pay to the same the State aforesaid twenty pounds current money aforesaid, and thereupon it brings suit and so forth, and brings here into Court the said writing Obligatory which the said Court in form aforesaid Witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year above Written and so forth.

P. Fetherstone for Plff. — Pledges &c. — Thos. Doe and Richard Roe.

"Kent County, State of Maryland. Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Jones, Robert Buchanan, Simon Wilmer Jr. and Henry Berry all of Kent County and State aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of six thousand six hundred pounds current money of the said State, to be paid to the said State or its certain Attorney, for which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and each for, our and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this twenty second day of June seventeen hundred and ninety five. — Whereas the above bounden Thomas Jones, hath been appointed by the Levy Court for Kent County, Collector of the Assessment imposed to defray the County Charges of said County for the present year. — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounden Thomas Jones do well and faithfully execute his Office and the several duties required of him by Law, and shall well and truly pay and account for to the Justices of the Levy Court of Kent County, or their order the several sums of money he may receive or be accountable for by Law, at such times as the Law may direct, then the above Obligation to be void. —

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Open Court, and in the presence of Thomas Worrell, Samuel G. Williams.

Thomas Jones (Seal)
R. Buchanan (Seal)
S. Wilmer Jr. (Seal)
Henry Berry (Seal)

Kent County, State of Maryland, Be it remembered that on the twenty second day of June seventeen hundred and ninety five, came Thomas Worrell and Samuel G. Williams, the subscribing Witnesses to the within Bond and in open Court made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they saw the within bounden Thomas Jones, Robert Buchanan, Simon Wilmer, Jr. and Henry Berry, sign and seal the within Bond. —

Sworn in Open Court. Ben: Chambers Clerk.

And the said Robert Buchanan by William Parrott his Attorney, came and defended the force and injury when &c. Whereupon the said State by its Attorney aforesaid, here into Court doth come, and alledges to the same Court, that the action aforesaid so as aforesaid depending between the said State Plff. and the said Robert Buchanan Defendant is by Certiorari removed to the General Court to be held at Easton in Talbot County for the Eastern Shore of this State, on the second Tuesday of April next, of all which the said Court for Kent County aforesaid hath legal notice by Certiorari amongst the Proceedings of the same Court filed and allowed. — 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 Public Seal of Kent County aforesaid, this thirteenth day of April eighteen hundred and ninety six. —

Ben: Chambers Clerk.

And the said Robert Buchanan also appears in Court here by William Parrott Esquire his Attorney and defended the force and injury when &c. and prays the liberty of imparling to the action aforesaid until next Court and he hath it, the same day given to the said State thereof. At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of September, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, came into Court the Parties aforesaid, by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Robert Buchanan by his Attorney aforesaid, further defended the force and injury when &c. as aforesaid, and prays a hearing of the writing Obligatory in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned and of the Condition of the said Writing, and they are read to him as follows, to wit. "Kent County, State of Maryland."

"Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Jones, Robert Buchanan, Simon Wilmer Jr. and Henry Berry all of Kent County and State aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of six thousand six hundred pounds Current money of the said State, to be paid to the said State or its certain Attorney, for which payment well and truly to be made &c. Bond