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=mine before the Judges of our General Court. Therefore We Command you that you have the body of the said William Seamans, 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 at Easton in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of April next, that our said Judges our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and reports. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court the 18th day of September Anno Domini 1795. Issued this 28th day of March anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety six. —

Test. James Earle Junr Clerk —

At which said second Tuesday of September April seventeen hundred & ninety six, came into Court the said Daniel James by Robert Wright Esquire his Attorney, and the Justices of Kent County to whom the aforegoing Writ of Habeas Corpus was directed made return thereof to this Court here with the following Record thereto annexed, to wit. —

The Execution of the above Writ appears by the following Proceedings — The answer of James Tilghman Esquire Chief Justice and Samuel Chew and Philip Reed Esquires Associate Justices of Kent County Court, and Cuthbert Hall Sheriff of the same County — To the Honble James Tilghman, Samuel Chew and Philip Reed, Justices as aforesaid and Cuthbert Hall Sheriff To the Honble the Judges of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland do Certify that Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County, at the fourth Monday of October seventeen hundred and ninety four, that he should take the Body of Williams Seamans late of Kent County if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep & 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 Daniel James in a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. — At which said third Monday of March came the said Daniel James by Robert Wright his Attorney and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the said Writ aforesaid, to the Court here thereon indorsed as follows — viz, to wit — Corpi Corpus fi. Thomas Jones Sheriff —

Thereupon Lambert Seamans of the same County, Farmer, in his proper person here into Court also came, and became pledge and security for William Seamans that if it should so happen to the said William Seamans the contents in the plea aforesaid, that then the said Security should as well the Debt aforesaid as all the Damages, Costs and Charges which to the same Daniel James in the plea aforesaid should be adjudged of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of the same Lambert Seamans to be made and for the use of the same Daniel James the Levy if it should happen that the said William Seamans the Debt and Damages, Costs and Charges of the same Daniel James in the plea aforesaid should not pay or himself into the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County on that occasion render. And the aforesaid William Seamans by William Bordley his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and prays Liberty of imparlance thereof here to the action aforesaid until the fourth Monday of October 1795 and he has it the same day was given the said Daniel James there &c and at which said fourth Monday of October 1795 came again the Parties aforesaid — At which said fourth Monday of October 1795 came again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said William by his Attorney aforesaid further defended the force and injury when and so forth and prays further Liberty of imparlance thereof here to the action aforesaid until the third Monday of March next and the same day was given the said Daniel James there and so forth — At which said third Monday of March seventeen hundred and ninety six, the said William Seamans by his Attorney aforesaid into Court doth come and alledges that the same Court that the action aforesaid depending between the said Daniel James and Plaintiff and him the said William Seamans Defendant is by Habeas Corpus 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 the County of Kent aforesaid hath legal notice by Habeas Corpus among the Proceedings of the same Court filed and allowed. In Testimony that the above is a true Copy of the Proceedings in the action between the parties aforesaid I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Public Seal of Kent County this twelfth day of April seventeen hundred and ninety six. —

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Ben: Chambers Clerk —

Thereupon the said William Seamans by John Scott and William Bordley Esquires his Attorneys came here into Court and defended the force and injury when and so forth and prayed the liberty of imparling to the action aforesaid until the next Court and he had it the same day was given to the said Daniel James there &c — At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety six came again into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid and the said William Seamans by his Attorneys aforesaid prayed that the said Daniel James might be ruled to file his plea Declare against him the said W. Seamans in the plea aforesaid at or before the next Court and it granted unto him, the same day was given to the said William Seamans there &c — At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety seven came into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, that the said Daniel James having not Declared in the plea aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court here, at the prayer of the said William Seamans, that he the said Daniel James should Declare in the plea aforesaid at or before the next Court or that Judgment should be rendered against him or Default thereof. The same day was given to the said W. Seamans there &c — At which said next Court to wit, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Daniel James by his Attorney aforesaid Declared against the said William Seamans in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit — Eastern Shore of Maryland Kent County, to wit. William Seamans late of Kent County was summoned to answer unto Daniel James of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds current money, which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth — And whereupon the said Daniel by Robert Wright his Attorney saith that Whereas the said William on the thirteenth day of December Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty four at the County aforesaid by his certain Writing Obligatory sealed & delivered to the said Daniel James acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said Daniel James in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and thirty pounds to be paid to the said Daniel his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns in the year eighty seven — Nevertheless the said William although often required the aforesaid sum of one hundred and thirty pounds unto the said Daniel yet hath not yet paid, but that unto him to pay always hitherto hath refused