suit of the said Barney Corse and Philip Brooks in the plea aforesaid, shall be convicted that then the said Jacob Clayland doth grant as well the Debt aforesaid, as all such Damages, Costs and Charges which to the aforesaid Corse and Brooks in that part shall be adjudged, of his Lands, and Chattels to be made and to and for the use of the said Corse and Brooks to be levied, if the said James Clayland the Debt and Damages, Costs and Charges aff, to the same Barney Corse and Philip Brooks shall not pay, or himself to the prison and Custody of the Sheriff of Queen Anns County aff, on this occasion render — Whereupon the Defendant by his Attorney, to wit, Richard Tilghman Earle prays leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court, and he hath it; and the same day is also given unto the Plaintiffs and they hath it &c — At which same day, to wit, the third Monday of May in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, came again the parties aff, by their Attorneys aff, and the Defendant by his Attorney, prays leave further to imparle hereunto until the next Court, and he hath it; and the same day is likewise given to the Plaintiffs who hath it &c — At which same day, to wit, the second Monday of November in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, came again the Parties aff, when the Defendant by his Attorney, produces here into Court the States Writ of Habeas Corpus, which he prays may be allowed; and a Record transmitted agreeably to the Command thereof, which the Court here present after due consideration do allow, and order up the Record and proceedings accordingly; which said Writ of Habeas Corpus, was closed in these words following, to wit —

The State of Maryland to, To the Justices and Sheriff of Queen Anns County Greeting: Whereas a certain James Clayland is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the Suit of a certain Barney Corse and Philip Brooks of a plea of Debt and damages, which said plea as it is said still depends before you the said Justices, and determined and we being willing that the plea aforesaid, undetermined as aff should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court — Therefore we Command you that you have the body of the said James Clayland, by whatsoever name or surname he may be called in the plea aff, 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 appertains to be seen — Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ — Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court this 13th day of September Anno Domini 1796 —

Issued the 22nd day of November Anno Domini 1796 —

Seal of Queen Anns County Court

Queen Anns County, to wit, I do hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy from the Record and proceedings of Queen Anns County Court — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affix the public Seal of my office this fifth day of April Anno

Dominii 1797 — Samuel T. Wright, Clerk of Queen Anns County Court — Thereupon appeared in our said General Court, as well the aforesaid Barney Corse and Philip Brooks by Robert Wright Esquire their Attorney, as the aforesaid James Clayland by Richard Tilghman Earle Esquire his Attorney: whereupon it was said by the Court, at the prayer of the said Barney Corse and Philip Brooks by their Attorney aforesaid, that the said James Clayland, answer to the Declaration aforesaid, of them the said Barney Corse and Philip Brooks in the plea aff; and the said James Clayland by his Attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court, to imparle until the next Term, and he had it, the same day was given to the said Barney Corse and Philip Brooks there &c — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court the parties aff by their Attorneys aff; And the aforesaid James Clayland by his said Attorney defended the force and injury when &c and prayed a hearing of the Record and Judgment aforesaid, and he had it in these words to wit — which being read and heard the same James said that the aff Corse and Brooks their action aff against him to have and maintain ought not, because he saith that the said Judgment, after the rendition of the Judgment aforesaid, to wit, on the first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four, to wit, at Queen Anns County aff, paid to the said Corse and Brooks the sum of in full satisfaction of the Debt and Costs, recovered by the said Judgment, and this he is ready to verify; wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Corse and Brooks their action aff against him to have or maintain ought &c — Thereupon further process of law upon the premises aff between the Parties aforesaid, by consent of the said Parties and their Attorneys aff, and by order of the Court thereon was continued until the second Tuesday of April then next following —

And now here, at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said James Clayland by his Attorney aff further defends the force and injury when &c and ~~saith~~ relinquishing his averment aff by him above pleaded saith, that he cannot gainsay the ~~aff~~ action aforesaid of the said Barney Corse and Philip Brooks so as aforesaid him brought, and further saith that he cannot deny but that he owes unto them the said Barney Corse and Philip Brooks the full and just sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Current money — Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Barney Corse and Philip Brooks, recover against the said James Clayland, as well the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Current money their Debt aforesaid, in form aff acknowledged, as the Quantity of nine hundred and six one pounds of Tobacco, as well for their Damages which they have sustained, by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for their Costs and Charges by them about their suit in this behalf laid out and expended, adjudged unto the said Barney Corse and Philip Brooks, by the Court here with their assent, and the said James Clayland in mercy &c — Test, James Earle Junr Clk

Memorandum. Judgment was confessed in this action on the 17th day of April 1798 for £150 Ster, and Costs — To be released on payment of such sum, as R. Wright and R. Richard T. Earle, shall say is due, by a Note in writing to the Clerk — Stay of Execution till next Term —