Shirley authorize and empower William Stoddert Bond to settle and dispose of the Land, in Allegany County, bought of Bond and Hughes, say three thousand Land, two hundred and fifteen pounds and three Quarters of an Acre of Land, and apply the Proceeds thereof to the payment of the above Note the said Land being a Collateral security for the payment of the above Debt. Witness my hand and Seal this 12th day of August 1797 — James Willson junr. (Seal)

Whereupon it was Ordered by the Court at the prayer of the said William S. Bond by his Attorneys aforesaid that the said James Willson answer to the Declaration aforesaid, of him the said William S. Bond in the plea aforesaid by ten of the Clock on Saturday next, or Judgment would be Rendered against him on default thereof — The same day was given to the said William S. Bond then and there &c —

And now here at ten of the Clock on Saturday, it being the twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, comes into Court here as well the said William S. Bond by his Attorneys aforesaid, as the said James Wilson junr. by his Attorney aforesaid; And the said James Wilson junr. by his Attorney aforesaid defends the wrong and injury when &c and says, that he did not undertake and promise in manner and form as the said William S. Bond hath above complained against him, and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c — Nevertheless the said James Willson junr. by his Attorney aforesaid, relinquishing his Averment aforesaid by him above pretended says, that he cannot deny but that the action aforesaid of the said William S. Bond, so as aforesaid against him brought now but that he the said James Willson Junr. did undertake and promise in manner and form as the said William S. Bond above thereof against him Complains, nor likewise but that the said William S. Bond hath sustained Damages by reason of the nonperformance of the promise and Assumption aforesaid to the sum of two thousand pounds Current money, as he the said William S. Bond above by declaring supposes; Whereupon the said William S. Bond by his attorneys aforesaid prays Judgment, and those Damages so acknowledged, together with his Costs and Charges by him about his said suit in this behalf laid out and expended, to him to be adjudged &c — Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said William S. Bond recover against the said James Willson Junr. as well the said sum of two thousand pounds Current money above acknowledged for his Damages which he hath sustained by occasion of the nonperformance of the promise & Assumption aforesaid, of the Quantity of one thousand and seventy nine pounds of Tobacco, adjudged by the Court here unto the said William S. Bond for his costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out and expended; and the said James Willson Junior in mercy &c — Test, James Earle Junr Clk.

Memorandum. Judgement was confessed in this Action on the 21st day of April 1798 for £2000 Damages & Costs — To be released upon payment of £1048. 10s. 7. with Interest thereon from the 12th day of August 1797. the year and Costs. — payments if any to be allowed —

William S. Bond against James Willson

Be it remembered that on the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, a certain James Willson by John Goldsborough Esqr. his Attorney sued out of our Eastern Shore General Court the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus, in the words and figures following, to wit — The State of Maryland: To the Chief Justice, and his Associate Justices of Talbot County Court, and to the Sheriff of Talbot County Greeting: Whereas a certain James Willson the Younger late of Talbot County, is detained in the prison of your said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain William S. Bond of a plea of Attachet in Priveledge in Case, which said plea, as it is said still depends before you our said Justices, as it is said, undetermined; 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: We therefore Command you that you have the Body of the said James Willson the Younger, 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 the Judges of our said General Court may further process therein as to Justice appertains and to Justice. — Hereof fail not at your peril and have you there and there this Writ — Witness the Honourable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of September 1797. — Sd. the 15th day of November 1797. — Sd. James Earle Junr. Clerk. —

At which said second Tuesday of April in the year four Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, came Taking the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ of Habeas Corpus, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Talbot County Court, and the Sheriff of the said County in Obedience to the Command contained in the said Writ to wit, the said Sheriff now here hath the body of the said James Willson the younger, and the said Justices and Associate Justices of Talbot County Court certify and transmitt to our General Court, a Record of the Proceedings before the said County Court had, containing the cause of the Caption and detention of the said James Willson the younger, and all things thereunto relating; and which said Record of Proceedings is in form following, to wit. —

Among the Records and proceedings of Talbot County, it is enrolled as follows, to wit, Talbot County, to wit, At a County Court of the State of Maryland held for Talbot County aforesaid, at Easton in the said County, on the second Monday in November in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety seven, it being the thirteenth day of the same Month by the Justices of the same County Court, and other Officers duly Commissioned and Qualified to act the same, of whom were Present. —

John Robert Goldsborough, William Hayward Esquires, Associate Justices. —

Daniel Cox Esquire Shff. — William S. Bond Clk. —