in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight for £100 Damages and Costs. — To be released on the payment of £76..5..0½ Current money with Interest thereon from the 12th day of August 1797 till paid and Costs. — Plaintiff acknowledges the receipt of £45..3..10. on the 9th of October 1797. —

William S. Bond, Assignee of Samuel Edmondson against Jonathan Oyment

Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, a certain Jonathan Oyment by Thomas James Bullitt Esquire his Attorney sued out of our Eastern Shore General Court, the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus in the words and figures and of the tenor following, to wit —

The State of Maryland, To the Chief Justice, and his Associates, Justices of Talbot County Court, and to the Sheriff of Talbot County Greeting: Whereas a certain Jonathan Oyment is detained in the prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain William Hodges Bond, Assignee of Samuel Edmondson of a plea of Debt &c. which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined as &c.; and we being willing for divers causes, that the plea &c. 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 Jonathan Oyment by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea &c. 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, on the second Tuesday of April next, that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertaineth &c. Witness the Honorable John R. Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court, the 12th day of September 1797. — Issued the 20th day of November 1797. —

H. B. James Earle Junr. Clerk

On which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight being 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, that the said Sheriff now here hath the body of the said Jonathan Oyment, and the said Chief Justice and Associate Justices of Talbot County Court, certify and transmit to our General Court a Record of the proceedings before the said County Court &c. containing the cause of the caption & detention of the said Jonathan Oyment, 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 thus entered as follows, to wit. Talbot County, to wit. At a County Court of the State of Maryland held for Talbot County at Easton in the said County on the second Monday in November in the year 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 hold the same Court, of whom were Present —

John Roberts and William Hayward Esquires, Associates.

Daniel P. Cox Esq. Shff. Mr. W. Bond Clk. —

Jonathan Oyment came into Court here by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney and produced to the Court here a Writ of Habeas Corpus of the State of Maryland, directed to the Chief Justice and his Associates, and Sheriff here in the following words and figures, to wit. — The State of Maryland, To the Chief Justice and his Associates Justices of Talbot County Court, and to the Sheriff of Talbot County, Greeting: Whereas a certain Jonathan Oyment is detained in the prison of your said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain William Hodges Bond Assignee of Samuel Edmondson of a plea of Debt &c. which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined as aforesaid, and we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as &c. should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court: We therefore Command you that you have the body of the said Jonathan Oyment by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea &c. 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 proceed therein as to Justice appertains and &c. Hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ. — Witness the Honorable John R. Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of September 1797. Issued the 20th day of November 1797. — H. B. James Earle Junr. Clerk —

The Record and Process in our said Court, are as follows, to wit. —

William S. Bond Assignee of Samuel Edmondson against Jonathan Oyment

Debt, Nat. &c. Plea &c. — Talbot County, to wit. Be it remembered that on the seventh day of October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven, William S. Bond Assignee of Samuel Edmondson sued out of our County Court here by Michael Hammond his Attorney, a Writ of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Talbot County in the State of Maryland, in the following words and figures, to wit. — Talbot County, to wit. The State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Talbot County, Greeting: We Command you that you attach Jonathan Oyment late of Talbot County planter if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court, to be held for Talbot County, at Easton, the second Monday of November

The Seal of Talbot County