The State of Maryland ss: To the Justices and Sheriff of Queen Anns County Greeting:
" " " " " " " " " Whereas a certain Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews are detained in the
" Seal of the General " Court Office, Eastern " prison of our said County, under the custody of you, our said Sheriff, at the
" Shore of Maryland " suit of a certain John Fox, of a plea of Debt, which said plea, as it is
said stile defendants before you, our said Justices undetermined; And 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: Therefore we Command you that you have the body of the said Samuel Bright
and Mary Matthews by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the plea aforesaid
together with the cause of their 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 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 and
Sofortis, — 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 this 8th day of Septem:
-ber Anno Dominii 1795. — Issued the 12th day of November anno Dominii 1795 —

Sd. James Earle Junr. Clerk. —

Queen Anns County, Court; I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the
Record and proceedings of Queen Anns County Court, in the case of John Fox against
Seal of Queen Anns Co. Ct. Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews, as by reference to the said
Records and Proceedings may fully appear. — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set
my hand and affixed the Seal of Queen anns County Court this 9th day of April anno
Dominii 1796. —

Samd. T. Wright Clk. of Queen Anns County Court.

Thereupon, appeared in our General Court the said Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews by
John Scott Esquire their Attorney, but the said John Fox did not Command the said
Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews by their Attorney aforesaid Suggested to the Court,
that the said John Fox, the plaintiff in this cause, had since the last Continuance of the
plea aforesaid in Queen Anns County Court aforesaid, and since the issuing of the writ of
Habeas Corpus aforesaid, departed this life, and the same was not denied: Thereupon day
was given by the Court untile the second Tuesday of September then next, for the proper
parties to appear, according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided, to
prosecute, and upon the premisses in the plea aforesaid: And the same day was given to the
said Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews, there &c — At which said second Tuesday of
September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, came again
into Court the said Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews by their attorney aforesaid; And
then also came Elizabeth Fox, Administratrix and George Fox Administrator of all and
singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits which were of the said John Fox, Deceased
at the time of his Death, by Richard Hopkinson Earle Esquire their Attorney, and became
Plaintiffs in the plea aforesaid: And the said Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews by their
Attorney aforesaid defended the force and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the Court to

imparle untile the next Term, and they had it. The same day was given to the said Elizabeth
and George Fox Administrators as aforesaid, then &c — At which said next Term, to wit the second
Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, Came again
into Court the said Elizabeth and George Fox Administrators as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid
and the said Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews did not, nor did either of them come; And the said
Elizabeth Fox and George Fox Administrators as aforesaid, suggested to the Court that since the last
Continuance of the plea aforesaid, and before that day, the said Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews
departed this life, and the same was not denied: Whereupon, on motion of the said Elizabeth
Fox, and George Fox Administrators as aforesaid, by their Attorney aforesaid, leave was given to the
said Elizabeth Fox and George Fox by the Court, according to the act of Assembly in such
case made and provided, to issue summons returnable to the then next Term, directed to James
Allen, Administrator of them the said Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews, to appear and
defend in the plea aforesaid; And such summons accordingly issued forth out of the said General
Court, Commanding the Sheriff of Queen anns County to summon James Allen late of Queen
Anns County Administrator of Samuel Bright late of the same County, Deceased, Surviving
Obligor of Samuel Bright and Mary Matthews, that all excuses & delays set aside, he
should be, and appear before the Judges of our said General Court, to be held for the Eastern
Shore of this State, at Easton in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday in September then
next, and then and there to cause himself to be made a party, in a certain action of Debt,
then depending in our said Court, wherein Elizabeth Fox and George Fox Administrators
of John Fox were Plaintiffs, and the said Samuel Bright, and a certain Mary Matthews
(whom the said Samuel Bright hath survived) were Defendants, or the Judges of our said
General Court on his his default, would proceed to Judgment thereon — The same day was
given to the said Elizabeth Fox and George Fox Administrators as aforesaid, then, &c —
At which said second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and ninety seven, came again into Court the said Elizabeth Fox and George Fox Administrators
as aforesaid by their Attorney aforesaid, and also came the said James Allen by Administrator
of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, which were of the said Samuel Bright, deceased
at the time of his death, Surviving Obligor of Mary Matthews as aforesaid by John Scott
Esquire his Attorney, and defended the force and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the
Court to imparle untile the next Term, and he had it, the same day was given to the
said Elizabeth Fox, and George Fox Administrators as aforesaid, then &c —
At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, came again into Court the parties aforesaid
by their attornies aforesaid: Whereupon, on motion of the said Elizabeth Fox and George
Fox Administrators as aforesaid by their attorney aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court that
the said James Allen answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said John Fox, in the
plea aforesaid; And the said James Allen by his Attorney aforesaid further defended the
force and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle untile the next