William Moss, deceased, at the time of his Death, in the hands of him the said William Moss the Executor to be administered, if so much thereof in his hands to be Administered he hath, and if so much thereof in his hands to be administered he hath not, then the Damages, Costs and Charges aforesaid to be levied of the proper Goods and Chattels of the said William Moss, the Executor, and the said William Moss in mercy &c — Test: James Earle Junr. Clk.

Memorandum, Judgment was confessed in this action on the 15th day of September 1798, for Penalty and Costs — To be released on payment of the principal, Interest, and Costs — with Stay of Execution until the September Term 1799 — Payments, if any, to be allowed —

State of Maryland, use of James O'Bryon and others Justices of the Peace against Matthew Hawkins

Be it remembered that on the Sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, a certain Matthew Hawkins by Robert Wright Esquire his Attorney, sued out from Eastern Shore General Court, the State of Maryland, a writ of Habeas Corpus, directed to the Chief Justice, and his Associates, Justices of Queen Anns County Court, and to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County, Greeting, in the words and figures following, to wit —

The State of Maryland: To the Chief Justice and his Associates, Justices of Queen Anns County Court, and to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County Greeting: Whereas a certain Matthew Hawkins is detained in the prison of your said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of the State of Maryland, of a plea of Debt and so forth; which said plea as it is said, full depends, 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 Matthew Hawkins 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, in Talbot County, at the Court House in the same County, the second Tuesday of September next that our said Judges of our said General Court, may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth — 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 the 11th day of April Anno Dominii 1797. — Issued the 6th day of May Anno Dominii 1797. — Test. James Earle Junr. Clk. —

At which said second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven (being the day for the return of the aforegoing writ of Habeas Corpus) the Chief Justice and his Associates, Justices of Queen Anns County Court, and the Sheriff of the same County, to whom the said writ was, in form aforesaid directed, in Obedience to the Command therein contained, to wit, the said Sheriff had the body

of the said Matthew Hawkins, and the Chief Justice and his Associates aforesaid certified and have unto 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 Matthew Hawkins in the plea aforesaid, with all things thereunto relating — And which said Record of Proceedings is in form following, to wit — On the Records of Queen Anns County, among other things, is contained the following to wit —

State, use of James O'Bryon, and others, Justices of the Peace against Matthew Hawkins — £4695-0-0. — Be it remembered that on the fourteenth day of December, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four, Command was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County, to take the Body of Matthew Hawkins late of Queen Anns County, if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Justices of the then next County Court, to be held for Queen Anns County, at Centre Hill, the third Monday of May then next ensuing, to answer unto the State of Maryland, of a plea that he render unto the said State, the sum of four thousand six hundred and thirty five pounds Current money, which to the said State he owes, and from it he unjustly detains and so forth — And whereupon Richard Hightman Earle, Attorney of the said State, who for the said State in this behalf doth prosecute, saith that the said Matthew Hawkins on the fifth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & ninety four, at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing Obligatory, which sealed with the seal of the said Matthew, the said Richard Hightman Earle here into Court brings, the date of which is the same day and year, granted himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State in the aforesaid sum of four thousand six hundred and thirty five pounds Current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said State when the said Matthew should be thereunto required: To the payment whereof, well and truly to be made and done the said Matthew did bind himself firmly by the said writing — Nevertheless the aforesaid Matthew (altho' often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of four thousand six hundred and thirty five pounds, to the said State hath not paid, but the same to pay he hath altogether refused, and still doth refuse to the Damage of the said State five thousand pounds Current money, and thereupon this suit is brought and so forth — R. H. Earle for State — pledges &c, John Doe and Richard Roe —

And now here, at this day, to wit, the third monday of May, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, comes Richard Hightman Earle, Attorney for the said State, and the Sheriff of Queen Anns County being called makes return of the aforesaid writ in these words, to wit — Cepi, Phil: C. Blake Shff. Whereupon the Defendant by Robert Wright his Attorney, comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is also given to the said State, and it hath it &c. — At which same time, to wit, the second Monday of November in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, came again the parties by their Attorneys aforesaid 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 said State, who hath it and so forth. — At which same time, to wit, the first Monday of May in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again the parties by their Attorneys aforesaid.