when the Defendant by his Attorney produces here into Court the State's 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 of proceedings accordingly — And which said Writ of Habeas Corpus was closed in these words, following, to wit: — The State of Maryland To the Chief Justice and his Associates, Justices of Queen Anne's County Court, and Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, Greeting: whereas a certain Matthew Hawkins is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Eastern Shore Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of the State of Maryland, for a plea of Debt and so forth; which said plea, as it is said, state 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, your 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 8th day of May anno Dominii 1797 — Test — James Earle Sum. Cts. — Queen Anne's County, to wit: I do hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy from the Record of Proceedings of Queen Anne's County Court — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of my Office this 5th day of September anno Dominii 1797 — Sam. T. Wright Clk. of Queen Anne's Cty Court

Seal of Queen Anne's County Court

Thereupon, appeared in our General, as well Richard Tilghman Esquire, Attorney for the said State, as the said Matthew Hawkins by Robert Wright Esquire, his Attorney: And the said Matthew Hawkins by his Attorney aforesaid defended the force and injury when &c and prayed leave of the Court to imparle unto the next Term, and he had it, the same day was given to the said Richard Tilghman Earle Attorney for the said State, 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, as well the said Richard Tilghman Earle Attorney for the said State, as the said Matthew Hawkins by his Attorney aforesaid. Thereupon, at the prayer of the said Richard T. Earle Attorney for the said State as af. it was ruled by the Court that the said Matthew Hawkins answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said State of Maryland, in the plea aforesaid — And the said Matthew Hawkins by his Attorney aforesaid further defended the force and injury when &c, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle unto the next Term and he had it. The same day was given to the said Richard Tilghman Earle, Attorney for the said State, then &c — And now here, at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, comes again into Court as well the

said Richard Tilghman Earle, Attorney for the State as aforesaid, as the said Matthew Hawkins by his Attorney aforesaid: and the said Matthew Hawkins by his attorney aforesaid further defends the force and injury when &c. and prays a hearing of the writing Obligatory, in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, and it is read to him in these words, following, to wit: — On the Record of Queen Anne's County, among other things is contained the following, to wit — Queen Anne's County, to wit, on the fifth day of June anno Dominii Seventeen hundred and ninety four, the following Bond was delivered to be recorded, to wit — Know all men by these presents that we Thomas O'Bryon, James O'Bryon and Matthew Hawkins are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the sum of four thousand, six hundred and thirty five pounds Current money, to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally in the whole firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seals and dated this fifth day of June in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety four — Whereas the Justices of Queen Anne's County Court hath appointed the above Thomas O'Bryon Collector of the Assessment, or rate, on all property within the said County, to defray the said County Charge — The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas O'Bryon shall well, and faithfully execute his office of Collector as aforesaid and the several duties required of him by Law, and shall well and truly account for and pay to the Justices of the peace of Queen Anne's County or their order, the several sums of money which he shall receive, or be answerable for by law at such times as the same shall direct — Then the above Obligation to be void —

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Samuel T. Wright Clk. John Ruth and Sam. Gould } £4,635 5s. 0d.

Thomas O'Bryon . . . Seal
James O'Bryon . . . Seal
M. Hawkins . . . Seal

On the back of the foregoing Bond was endorsed as follows, to wit — John Ruth and Samuel Gould two of the subscribing witnesses to the within Bond, made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they saw Thomas O'Bryon, James O'Bryon and Matthew Hawkins, Sign, Seal, and deliver the within Bond as their act and Deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned — Sworn in open Court — Sam. T. Wright Clk. — Maryland, Queen Anne's County, to wit — I do hereby certify that the aforegoing is truly copied from Liber S.W. No. 1. folio 117. 118. & 119. one of the Records of Bonds for Queen Anne's County — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the public Seal of my Office this 10th day of April anno Dominii 1798 — Sam. T. Wright Clk. of Queen Anne's County Court —

Seal of Queen Anne's County Court

Filed Thereupon the said Matthew Hawkins by his Attorney aforesaid says, that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the said State of Maryland, so as aforesaid against him brought nor can he deny but that he owes to the said State the sum of four thousand six hundred and thirty five pounds Current money, in manner and form as the said Richard Tilghman Earle Attorney for the said State as aforesaid, above thereof against him hath complained — Wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the said State of Maryland recover for the use of James O'Bryon and others, Justices of the peace for Queen