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, &c. —

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, 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 upon which said Writ of Habeas Corpus was closed in these words following, to wit. —

The State of Maryland S.t To the Justices of Queen Anns County Court and Sheriff of Queen Anns County, Greeting: Whereas a certain James O'Bryon, Administrator of Thomas, is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of the State of Maryland, of a plea of Debt, which said plea, as it is said, still 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 James O'Bryon, Administrator as aforesaid, 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 of Justice. 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 this 11th day of April Anno Domini 1797. Issued the 6th day of May Anno Domini 1797.

Seal of the Eastern Shore Genl Court

Test, James Earle Junr. Clerk —

Queen Anns County, to wit; I do hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy from the Record of proceedings of Queen Anns County Court — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand, and affixed the public Seal of my Office this 9th day of September Anno Domini 1797. —

Seal of Queen Anns County Court

Samuel T. Wright Clk of Queen Anns County Court —

Thereupon, appeared in our General Court, as well the said Richard Tilghman Earle Esquire Attorney for the said State in this behalf, as the said James O'Bryon, Administrator as aforesaid by Joseph Hopper Nicholson Esquire his Attorney — And the said James O'Bryon Administrator as aff.d by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave of the Court to imparle until the next Term, and he had it. The same day was given to the said Richard Tilghman Earle, Attorney for the State, as aff.d, 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 State, as aforesaid, as the said James O'Bryon Administrator as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid. Thereupon it was ruled by the Court at the prayer of the said Richard T. Earle, Attorney as aff.d, that the said James O'Bryon, answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said State, in the plea aforesaid; And the said James O'Bryon Administrator as aff.d by his Attorney aforesaid, further defended the force and injury when &c. and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the next Term, and he had it. The same day was given to the said Richard Tilghman Earle, Attorney for the State as aforesaid, 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 T. Earle, Attorney for the State as aff.d, as the said James O'Bryon Administrator as aforesaid, by his Attorney aff.d. And the said James O'Bryon by his Attorney aforesaid further defends the force and injury when &c. and prays a hearing of the writing obligatory in the Declaration of mentioned, and it is read to him in these words, & figures following, to wit. — State of Maryland S.t Know all men by these presents, that we Thomas O'Bryon, Clement Sewell and David Lindsay of Queen Anns County in the State aforesaid, are holden and firmly bound unto the said State, in the full sum and just quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good, sound, merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cash to be paid to the said State, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, and every one, one, and every one of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally, for the whole, and in the whole, firmly by these presents — Sealed with our Seals and dated this twentieth day of November Anno Domini 1793 — The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above bound Thomas O'Bryon, do well and truly serve, in the Office of High Sheriff of Queen Anns County within the State aforesaid and in all things well and faithfully execute the same Office, and also shall render to the said State, and others, the Officers thereof, a true, faithfull and perfect account of all and singular the said State's rights and dues, and to the Officers a true, and just account of their fees that he shall or may be entrusted with by the said State's Governor, and others, the Officers within this State to receive and collect, and his account to said State, and to the Governor here for the time being, for the fines, and forfeitures, and other dues belonging to the said State's Governor, as also his account of all fees, dues and sums of money, and Tobacco, due to any of the free people within this State, for any sum or sums of money or Tobacco, whereunto the said Sheriff shall be entrusted during the time of his Shrievalty for this present year, or to such of them as shall require the same, shall pass and render by the twentieth day of October next ensuing the date hereof, and in all other things as Sheriff of the County of Queen Anns shall behave himself well and honestly towards all persons as according to the best of his power, skill and knowledge — Then this Obligation to be void, and of no effect — or else to stand in full force, strength and virtue —

Thomas O'Bryon (Seal)
Clem: Sewell (Seal)
David Lindsay (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and delivered in open Court, in presence of
Samd. T. Wright Clk. Richard Wilson