held at Snow Hill Town, in, and for the County aforesaid the second Monday of August, to wit, the 14th day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. Were present.

The Hon.ble John Done Esquire Chief Justice

William Morris & William Purnell Esq.rs Associate Justices

Levin Pollitt Esq.r Shff. — John C. Handy Clk.

McKimmey Porter, use of Edward Hammond against Levin Handy

Command was given to the Sheriff of Worcester County that he should take Levin Parsons late of Worcester County, planter, and Levin Handy late of Worcester County Merchant, if they should be found in his Bailiwick, and them safe keep, so that he might have their bodies before the Justices of the County Court of Worcester at a Court by them to be held at Snow Hill Town, in and for the County aforesaid the second Monday of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, to answer unto McKimmey Porter, of a plea that they render unto him the sum of sixty nine pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence Current money of Maryland, which to him he owes, and unjustly detains &c. — And the same day is given to the aforesaid McKimmey Porter here, and so forth. — At which said second Monday of February came the aforesaid McKimmey Porter by James B. Robins Gent.r his Atty. and the Sheriff, to wit, Levin Pollitt Gent.r now here returned that he had taken the def.t Levin Handy, whose body here, at this day he hath ready to answer unto the aff.t McKimmey Porter of the plea aforesaid as by the foregoing writ he was commanded. And further, the same Sheriff certifies that the def.t McKimmey Porter by his Atty aforesaid countermanded the writ aff.d as to the def.t Levin Parsons, and forbid any arrest by virtue of the writ aforesaid on the body of the said Levin Parsons to be made, and so forth. — Whereupon of the def.t McKimmey Porter, by his Atty aff.d the def.t Levin Handy is by the Court now here ruled and adjudged to give special bail to the action aforesaid. — And now here afterwards came into Court a certain Col.l Levin Handy of Worcester County, before John Done Esq.r and his Associates, Justices of the said County Court of Worcester, and being in his proper person present, undertook for the said Levin Handy, that if he the said Levin Handy should be condemned in this action at the suit of the said McKimmey Porter that he then shall pay and satisfy to the said McKimmey Porter the debt & Condemnation thereon, or render himself to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County aff.d

in satisfaction thereof, or that he the said Levin Handy would do the same for him. Thereupon the said Levin Handy puts in his place Thomas Martin Gent.r his Atty at Law against the def.t McKimmey Porter of the plea aforesaid, upon which, at the request of the parties aforesaid by their Atty aff.d day is to them now here given unto the next Court to be held at Snow Hill Town, in and for the County aff.d the second Monday of August then next following in the same State, as at present saving to the parties aff.d fore, and so forth. — At which said second Monday of August came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Levin Handy by his Atty aff.d presented to the Court here the State's writ commanding the Justices and Sheriff of the County aforesaid in these words following, to wit. — The State of Maryland to the Chief Justice and his Associates, Justices of Worcester County Court, and the Sheriff of Worcester County, Greeting: Whereas a certain Levin Handy is detained in the prison of your said County, under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain McKimmey Porter of a plea of Debt, 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 aff.d should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court. — We Therefore Command you that you have the body of the said Levin Handy 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 at Easton in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of September, that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice doth pertain and so forth. — Hereof fail not at your peril and have you there and there this Writ. — Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 11th day of April 1797. — Given the 4th day of July 1797. —

James Earle Clerk.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court here that the writ aforesaid be allowed, and that the record of the plea aforesaid between the said parties be transmitted to the Justices therein named, together with the body of the said Levin Handy according to the Command of the said writ to this Court answered. — I, John C. Handy Clk. State of Maryland, Worcester County, to wit, I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that the foregoing transcript is a true Copy taken from the Rules and Proceedings of Worcester County Court. In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office this 3rd day of September Anno Domini 1797. —

John C. Handy Clk. Wor. Cty. Court.