for divers causes, that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid, should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court: We therefore Command you that you have the body of the said Abner Parrott 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 April next, that the 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 19th day of September 1797. — Issued the 15th day of November 1797. —

Test. James Earle Junr. Clerk. — At which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight (being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ of Habeas Corpus) the Chief Justice, and his Associate Justices of Talbot County Court, and the Sheriff of the same County, to whom the aforegoing Writ was directed, in Obedience to the Command therein contained, to wit, the said Sheriff had the body of the said Abner Parrott, and the said Chief Justice, and Associate Justices certified and transmitted 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 Abner Parrott in the plea aforesaid, with all things thereunto relating — And which said Record of proceedings is in form following, to wit: —

Among the Records of Talbot County, it is (among other things) enrolled as follows, to wit — Talbot County, to wit; At a County Court of the State of Maryland, held for Talbot County aforesaid, at Easton in the said County, on the second Monday of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, it being the thirteenth day of the same Month, by the Justices of the same County Court, and other Officers duly commissioned and qualified to hold the same, of whom were present —

Thos Roberts Esquire — } Associate Justices —
William Hayward Esquire }

Daniel Powell Lox Esqr. Sheriff — Wm. Bond, Clerk. —

William Lee against Abner Parrott } Talbot County, to wit: Be it remembered that on the twenty first day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred & ninety six, Command was given to the Sheriff of Talbot County, that he should take Abner Parrott late of Talbot County, Farmer, if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that he should have his body before the Justices of our County Court, to be held at Easton, on the fourth Monday of November then instant, to answer unto William Lee, of a plea of Trespass upon the case &c — Whereupon, the said Sheriff was not to fail at his peril, and that he should then and there have that Writ — At which said fourth Monday of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety six aforesaid, there came the said William Lee by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney, and Daniel Powell Lox, then Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to the Court there, and return that he had taken

the body of the same Abner Parrott, whom he had ready at the day and place according to the exigence of the said Writ — And the said Abner Parrott by Thomas James Bullock his Attorney came there into Court, and thereupon day was given as well to the said William Lee as to the said Abner Parrott, by the Court there, until the fourth Monday in May then next following — At which said fourth Monday in May came there again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid; And the said William Lee by his Attorney aforesaid filed his Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said William Edmondson in the following words, to wit: — Talbot County, to wit, Abner Parrott, late of Talbot County was Attached to answer unto William Lee of a plea of Trespass upon the case &c — And whereupon, the same William Lee, by Nicholas Hammond his Attorney, complains, that whereas the said Abner Parrott on the thirteenth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six, at the County aforesaid, was indebted to the said William Lee in the sum of fifty two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence Current money, for divers works, Labours and Services there before that time done and performed by the said William Lee for the said Abner Parrott at his special instance and request and so therein being indebted the said Abner Parrott in consideration thereof afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid, at the County aforesaid, Assumed upon himself, and then and there faithfully promised the said William Lee to pay him the said William Lee, the sum of money aforesaid when he the said Abner Parrott should be thereto afterwards required; And whereas also the same William Lee, afterwards, to wit, the same day and year aforesaid, at the County aforesaid had done and performed divers other works, Labors and Services for the said Abner Parrott, at his other special instance and request, the said Abner Parrott in consideration thereof, then and there Assumed upon himself, and faithfully promised the said William Lee, to pay him the said William Lee as much Current money of Maryland, for the said last mentioned Works, Labors and Services, as he the said William Lee, reasonably deserved to have for the same, at the time of the performance thereof, when he the said Abner Parrott should be thereto afterwards required; And the said William Lee in fact saith, that he reasonably deserved to have for the said last mentioned works, Labors, and Services, at the time of the performance thereof, one other sum of fifty two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence Current money, to wit, at the County aforesaid, whereof the said Abner Parrott then and there had notice — Nevertheless the said Abner Parrott his several promises and Assumptions aforesaid in form aforesaid made, not in the least regarding, but intending the said William Lee in this behalf to deceive and defraud the several sums of money afsd. or any part thereof to the said William Lee yet hath not paid, but (although to pay the same, the said Abner Parrott, afterwards, to wit, on the first day of November in the year aforesaid, and often since, at the County aforesaid, by the said William Lee was required;) but the same to him to pay, hath hitherto, altogether refused, and still doth refuse, to the Damage of the said William Lee in the sum of one hundred pounds Current money, and thereupon he brings this suit &c —

Nd. Hammond pltffs Atty. Jno. Dee & Richard Roe, pledges &c —

A Valuation answered to the foregoing Declaration, ensues in the words & figures, following,