towit, 1796. October 29th 1796, the subscribers being called upon to Measure and value the work, done by William Lee for Capt. Abner Parrott, do estimate it at 52.. 14.. 6.. Pr. Wm. Alexander. John Pritchard. — And the said William Lee by his Attorney aforesaid prayed that the said Abner Parrott might be laid under a rule of the said Court, to plead to the Declaration aforesaid in the action aforesaid, on or before the fourth Monday in November then next following and might affix his plea of Record, by or before the said day and it was granted unto him, the same day was given to the said Abner Parrott, there &c. — And the said Abner Parrott by his Attorney aforesaid, affixed his plea at the suit of the said William Lee, on the nineteenth day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven aforesaid, in the following words, towit. —

Abner Parrott } Case, Nar. — And the same Abner Parrott by Thomas James
against } Bullitt his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury, when
William Lee } &c. and says, that he did not Assume upon himself in manner and form as the same William Lee, above against him hath complained, and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c. — Thomas J. Bullitt for Defendant. —

And now here on this day, towit the said second Monday in November in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, cometh here again, into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And the said Abner Parrott by his Attorney aforesaid, produceth to the Court here a Writ of Habeas Corpus of the State of Maryland, to the Justices and Sheriff aforesaid directed, the tenor of which ensues in the following words and figures, towit. — The State of Maryland: To the Chief Justice, and his Associates, Justices of Talbot County Court, and to the Sheriff of Talbot County, Greeting: Whereas a certain Abner Parrott late of Talbot County, is detained in the prison of our said County, under the Custody of you, our said Sheriff, to the suit of a certain William Lee, of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth, which said plea, as it is said, doth depend before you, our said Justices, undetermined, as &c.; 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: 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 Nov. 1797. — Wm. James, Clerk. Jno. Clark. —

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Which being read and heard the same is by the Court allowed, and ordered by the same Court that the cause of the caption and detention of the said Abner Parrott in the plea aforesaid with all things thereunto relating be accordingly transmitted before

the Honorable, the Judges of the General Court, at their Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State, at Easton, in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of April next ensuing, that the said Judges may further proceed, as to Justice appertains and so forth. Test. — William S. Bond, Clk. — Talbot County, towit, I do hereby certify that the foregoing Record and Proceedings were faithfully and exactly taken from the Records and proceedings of Talbot County Court. — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand, and affixed the public Seal of my Office this third day of March seventeen hundred and ninety eight. — Wm. S. Bond Clk. of Talbot County Court. —

Seal of Talbot County Court

And thereupon, appeared in our General Court as well the said William Lee by Nicholas Hammond Esquire his Attorney, as the said Abner Parrott by Thomas James Bullitt Esquire his Attorney: Upon which, it was ruled by the Court on motion of the said William Lee by his Attorney aforesaid, that the said Abner Parrott answer to the Declaration aforesaid of him the said William Lee in the plea aforesaid. — And the said Abner Parrott by his Attorney aforesaid defended the wrong 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 William Lee, then, &c. —

At which said next Term, towit, the second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid. And the same Abner Parrott by his Attorney aforesaid further defended the wrong and injury when &c. and said, that he did not Assume upon himself in manner and form, as the same William Lee above against him hath complained, and of this he put himself upon the Country &c. — And thereupon, on motion of the said Abner Parrott by his Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said William Lee, Reply to the answer aforesaid of him the said Abner Parrott in the plea aforesaid, by the second Tuesday of April then next following; And the same day was given to the said Abner Parrott then &c. At which said next Term, towit, the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And the said William Lee by his Attorney aforesaid as to the answer aforesaid of him the said Abner Parrott in the plea aforesaid doth thereof in like manner &c. — And thereupon, for trying the issue aforesaid between the Parties aforesaid above joined, Command was given to the several Sheriffs of the different Counties for the Eastern Shore, that they should cause to come before our General Court on the second Tuesday of September then next following twelve &c. by whom &c. and who neither &c. to recognize &c. because as well &c. — The same day was given to the parties aforesaid, then, and there &c. — And now here at this day, towit, the second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine comes again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid, Whereupon for trying the issue aforesaid, it is ordered by the Court here that twenty persons from the panel of Petit Jurors returned to the Court here by the several Sheriffs of the different Counties of the Eastern Shore, be drawn by ballot according to the Act