The State of Maryland: To the Sheriff of Cecil County, Greeting: Whereas in our Eastern Shore General Court, on the second Tuesday in September Anno Dominie seventeen hundred and ninety seven, a certain Reuben Harding did recover Judgment against Robert Walmsley late of Cecil County, for the sum of one hundred pounds, Current money, a certain Debt, and the Quantity of one thousand and two pounds of Tobacco, the Costs of that Judgment; And whereas, since the recovery aforesaid, the said Reuben Harding hath died, and Administration of all and singular the Goods, and Chattels, Rights and Credits which were of him the said Reuben, at the time of his Death, hath been in due form of Law granted to Mary Harding, and Execution of the aforesaid Judgment still remains to be done; We do therefore Command you, that by good and lawfull men of your Bailiwick you make known unto him the said Robert Walmsley that he be and appear at Easton, before the Judges of our said Court, on the second Tuesday in September next, to shew cause if any for himself he hath, why the said Mary Harding Administratrix of the said Reuben Harding as aforesaid, ought not to have her Execution against him for the Debt and Costs aforesaid, according to the form and effect of the recovery aforesaid, if unto him it shall seem expedient, and have you then and there the names of those before whom you shall make the same known unto him, and this Writ. — Witness the Hon.ble R. Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 10th day of April 1798. — Issued the 24th day of April 1798. —

Test. James Earle Sum.r Clerk

At which said second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight (being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ of Scirefacias) came into Court the said Mary Harding by her Attorney aforesaid. And the Sheriff of Cecil County, to whom the aforegoing Writ was, in form afor.d directed, likewise came, and made return thereof to the Court thus endorsed, to wit: "Made known "before Isaac Gooding and John Deering the 2nd day of August 1798. — Abner "White, Shff." — And the said Robert Walmsley being called appeared in Court by Richard Sarrls Esquire his Attorney, and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the next Term, and he had it. The same day was given to the said Mary Harding, 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 nine came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And thereupon, on motion of the said Mary Harding by her Attorney aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court that the said Robert Walmsley answer to the Writ of Scirefacias aforesaid of her the said Mary Woodland by the second Tuesday of September then next, or Judgment would be rendered against him on default thereof. And the same day was given to the said Mary Harding, 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 nine, comes again into Court the said Mary Woodland by her Attorney aforesaid, but the same Robert Walmsley, although solemnly called, now here comes not, nor does he shew cause why the said Mary Harding should not have Execution against him for the Debt and Costs aforesaid but therein doth make default. —

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Mary Harding have Execution against him the same Robert Walmsley for as well the Debt and Costs aforesaid, in the Writ of Scirefacias aforesaid mentioned, as also for the Quantity of five hundred and sixty three pounds of Tobacco, adjudged by the Court here unto the said Mary Harding with her assent for her Costs and Charges which she hath sustained by reason of the delay of the Execution of the Judgment aforesaid; And the said Robert Walmsley in mercy &c. —

Test. James Earle Sum.r Clerk. —

Memorandum, Filed under the rule for want of plea, this 20th day of September 1799. — Payments, if any since the Original Judgment to be allowed. —

John Field and John Field Junior against Frisby Sloyd

Be it remembered that on the tenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County to take Frisby Sloyd late of Cecil County, if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of September then next, to answer unto John Field and John Field the younger, of a plea that he render unto them, the sum of one thousand, two hundred and ninety five pounds, eight shillings Current money of Maryland which to them he owes, and from them he unjustly detains and refuseth. — And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and should have then and there that Writ &c. — At which said second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight (being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ) came into Court the said John Field and John Field Junior by William Darrls Esquire their Attorney, and the Sheriff of Cecil County, to whom the same Writ was directed, likewise came, and made return thereof to our said Court thus endorsed, to wit. — "Cepi. Abner White, Sheriff." —

And the said Frisby Sloyd being called appeared in Court by Davidson David Esquire his Attorney; And thereupon, on motion of the said John Field and John Field Jr. by their Attorney aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court that the said Frisby Sloyd give special bail in the plea aforesaid; whereupon the said Frisby Sloyd by his Attorney aforesaid applied in Court a certain Bail-piece, and which being approved of, is in form following, to wit. — John Field and John Field, the Younger, against Frisby Sloyd. — You Edward H. Pearson and Richard Sarrs do jointly & severally acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Frisby Sloyd, at the suit of the said John Field and John Field the Younger, in an action of Debt, brought by the said John Field and John Field, the Younger, against the said Frisby Sloyd in the General Court. — They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fifth day of September Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight. 1798.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the General Court. — Lee } before William Ward. — Lambert Beard. —

And thereupon, the said Frisby Sloyd 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 John Field and John Field the Younger, then, &c. — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday