Justices of Queen Anne's County Court, and to the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County,
(Seal of the Eastern Shore General Court) Greeting: Whereas, a certain Philemon C. Blake is detained in the prison
of our said County, under the Custody of you, our said Sheriff, at the
suit of a certain Robert Wright Junior, of a plea of Trespass upon the
case &c. set forth, 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, undeter-
-mined 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 Philemon C.
Blake 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 next, that the Judges of our said General
Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and &c. set 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 10th. day of April 1798 —
Issued the 24th. day of May 1798 — Test, James Earle Junr. 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 Habeas
Corpus) the said Chief Justice, and his Associates, Justices of Queen Anne's County Court,
and the Sheriff of the same County, to whom the same Writ was, in form aforesaid directed
in Obedience to the Command therein contained, to wit, the said Sheriff had the body of
the said Philemon C. Blake, and the said Chief Justice, and Associate Justices certified
and transmitted to our Eastern Shore General Court, a Record of the proceedings before the
said County Court had, containing the cause of the caption and detention of the said Phile-
-mon C. Blake in the plea aforesaid, with all things thereunto relating; And which said
Record of Proceedings is in form following, to wit — In the Records and Proceedings
of Queen Anne's County Court, among other things, is contained, as follows, to wit —
Maryland, Queen Anne's County, to wit; At a County Court held for Queen Anne's County
at Centre Ville in said County, on the first Monday of May, it being the seventh day
of the same Month, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight, by the Officers appoint-
-ed and empowered to hold the same Court, were present — The Honorable James
Hopkman, Esquire, Chief Justice — William Pinegold Junr. — JonathanReady
Esquires, Asst. Justices — Henry Costin Esquire, Sheriff — Samuel F. Wright, Clerk —

Robert Wright Junior against Philemon Charles Blake

Be it remembered, that on the first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven, Command was given to the Coroners of Queen Anne's County to take the Body of Philemon Charles Blake late of Queen Anne's County, if he should be found in his Baili-
-wick, so that he might have his body before the Justices of the then next County Court, to be held at Centre Ville in said County, on the first Monday in May instant, to answer unto Robert Wright Junior, in a plea of Trespass on the case &c. — And now here at this day, to wit, the first Monday of May in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven, comes the Plaintiff by Robert Wright his Attorney, and John Carradine, one of the Coroners of said County, makes return of the aforesaid Writ in these words "Cepi Corpus
"John Carradine Coro:" — Whereupon the Defendant by Joseph H. Nicholson his
Attorney, prays leave to imparle hereunto until the next Court, and he hath it, And



the same day is also given to the Plaintiff and he hath it &c. — At which same time, to wit,
the fourth Monday of October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came here
again the Parties by their Attorneys aforesaid, And the said Philemon Charles Blake by his
Attorney aforesaid prayed that the said Robert Wright Junior might be laid under a rule
of the said Court to declare in the action aforesaid against him the same Philemon, on or before
the first Monday of May then next following, and might affix his Declaration in the action afo-
-resaid of Record by or before the said day, or that he the said Philemon might go thereof without Day
and it was granted unto him, the same day was given to the said Robert Wright Junior thereof —
At which said first Monday of May, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight, came here
again the Parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, when the Defendant by his Attorney, pre-
-sents 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 —
Behind which said Writ of Habeas Corpus was closed in words and figures following, to wit —
The State of Maryland, To the Chief Justice, and his Associates, Justices of Queen
(Seal of the Eastern Shore General Court) Anne's County Court, and to the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, Greeting —
Whereas a certain Philemon C. Blake is detained in the prison of our said
County, under the Custody of you, our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain
Robert Wright Junior, of a plea of Trespass upon the case &c. set forth; 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 aforesaid should
be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court — We therefore Com-
-mand you, that you have the body of the said Philemon C. Blake 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 next, that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein
as to Justice appertains and &c. set 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 Court the 10th day of April 1798 — Issued the 24th. day of May 1798 —
Test, James Earle Junior Clerk —

Queen Anne's County, to wit, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy from the
Records and proceedings of Queen Anne's County Court — In Testimony
(Seal of Queen Anne's County Court) whereof, I have hereto set my hand, and affixed the public Seal of my
Office, this 31st day of August, Anno Domini 1798 — Saml. F. Wright Clk. Q. A. Co. Ct.

And thereupon, appeared in our said General Court as well the said Robert Wright Junior
by Robert Wright Esquire, his Attorney, as the said Philemon Charles Blake by Joseph
Hopper Nicholson Esquire his Attorney; And the said Philemon C. Blake by his Attorney
aforesaid defendes 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 Robert Wright Junr.
then &c. — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year
four, Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine came again into Court the parties
aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid; And thereupon, on motion of the said Philemon Charles
Blake, by his Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said Robert Wright
Junior declare against him the said Philemon C. Blake in the plea aforesaid, by the second
Tuesday of September then next following; And the same day was given to the said