which the Court here present, after due consideration do allow, and order the Record of Proceedings accordingly — And which said Writ of Habeas Corpus was issued in the words and figures following, towit — The State of Maryland, To the Chief Justice and his Associates, Justices of Queen Anns County Court, and to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County, Greeting: Whereas a certain John Chaires Junior is detained in the prison of your said County, under the Custody of you, our said Sheriff, at the suit of the State of Maryland, of a plea of Debt and so 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 Command you, that you have the body of the said John Chaires Junior 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 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 10th day of April 1798 — Issued the twenty fourth day of May 1798 — Jas. Earle Junr. Clerk —

(Seal of the Eastern Shore General Court)

Queen Anns County, towit: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy from the Record of Proceedings of Queen Anns County Court — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the public Seal of my Office this 31st day of August Anno Domi 1798 — Sam'l Wright Clerk of Queen Anns County Court —

(Seal of Queen Anns City Court)

And thereupon appeared in our said General Court as well Richard Tilghman Earle Esquire, who for the said State in this behalf doth prosecute, as the said John Chaires Junior by Joseph Hopper Nicholson Esquire his Attorney — And the said Richard Tilghman Earle, Attorney for the said State as aforesaid in Court a certain writing Obligatory executed by the said John Chaires Junior to the same State of Maryland, which writing in the following words, towit —

Maryland Sct. Know all men by these presents, that we Philemon Charles Blake, John Chaires Junior and Edward Chetham of Queen Anns County, in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland, in the full and just sum of ten thousand pounds Current money, to be paid to the said State, or its certain Attorney: To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, Sealed with our Seals, and dated this twenty first day of November in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five — The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Philemon Charles Blake as Sheriff of Queen Anns County, do and shall well & faithfully execute the same Office in all things appertaining thereto, and shall also render to the several Officers within this State a just and true account of all fees placed in his hands for Collection within the time limitted by Law, and shall also well and truly pay all sums of money received by him, and also collect and pay all public dues, fines and forfeitures which are due or belonging to the State, and shall also well and faithfully execute and return all Writs, Process and Warrants to him directed and delivered, and shall also pay and deliver to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, all sum or sums of money, Tobacco, Goods, Chattels or property by him levied, Seized or taken agreeably to the directions of the Writ, Process or Warrant, under which the same shall have been levied, Seized or taken, and also shall keep and detain in safe Custody, all and every person or persons committed to his Custody or by him taken in Execution, or who shall be committed for the want of

Bail, without suffering them, or any of them to escape or depart from his Custody, and shall also satisfy and pay all Judgments, which shall, or may be rendered against him as Sheriff, and shall also well and truly execute and perform the several duties required of, or enjoined upon him by the Laws of this State: Then this Obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in Law —

Phil. C. Blake (Seal)
Edw.d Chetham (Seal)
John Chaires jun.r (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in Open Court, Sc: Tilghman Ch. Justice of the 2nd Dist. of the State of Maryland —
Sam.l Wright Clerk, Q. Anns County Court

And thereupon the said John Chaires Junior 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 State of Maryland, then, and so forth —

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 as well the said Richard Tilghman Earle, Attorney for the said State as aforesaid, as the said John Chaires Junior by his Attorney aforesaid — And thereupon, on motion of the said Richard Tilghman Earle, Attorney for the said State as aforesaid, it was ruled by the Court that the said John Chaires Junior answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid — And the said John Chaires Junior by his Attorney aforesaid further 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 State of Maryland, then, and so forth —

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 as well the said Richard Tilghman Earle, Attorney for the said State as aforesaid, as the said John Chaires Junior by his Attorney aforesaid: And the said John Chaires Junior by his Attorney aforesaid further defends the wrong and injury when &c, and says, that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the said State of Maryland, so as aforesaid against him brought, nor can he deny but that he owes to, and unjustly detains from the said State, the full and just sum of ten thousand pounds Current money in manner and form as he the said Richard Tilghman Earle above thereof against him complains — Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said State of Maryland recover against him the said John Chaires Junior as well the said full and just sum of ten thousand pounds Current money, its Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged, as also the Quantity of pounds of Tobacco for its Damages which it hath sustained as well by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for its Costs and Charges, by it about its suit in this behalf laid out and expended; adjudged by the Court here, unto the said State of Maryland with its Assent — And the said John Chaires Junr. in mercy &c —

Test. James Earle Junr. Clerk —

Memorandum, Judgment was confessed in this action on the seventeenth day of September 1799 for Penalty and Costs — To be released on the payment of £30 Current money, with Interest thereon from the 20th day of October 1796, until paid and Costs — With Stay of Execution until the next Term — Test. James Earle Junr. Clerk —

The State of Maryland, for the use of James Earle junr. Admr of Michael Ecklo against Edward Chetham

Be it remembered that on the twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, a certain Edward Chetham by Joseph Hopper Nicholson Esquire his Attorney prosecuted and so forth, out of our Eastern Shore General Court, the State of Maryland's Writ of Habeas Corpus, directed to the Chief Justice and his Associates, Justices of Queen Anns County Court and to the Sheriff of the same County in the words & figures following —