Judgments

at Easton, in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of April next to answer unto Benjamin Hatchison of a plea of trespass on the Case and so forth. Herof said not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, the 8th day of September Anno Domini 1794. Issued the 16th day of January 1795. James Earle Junior Clerk.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, came into the General Court the said Benjamin Hatchison by his Attorneys afs. and the sheriff of Kent County aforesaid, to wit T. Jones Gentleman, to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court thus endorsed, to wit, "Cepi Corpora, T. Jones Sheriff" And the said Marmaduke Tilden and John Bradley being called, appeared in Court by Luther Martin and Phillip Barton Esq. their Attorneys defended the force and injury, when, &c. and prayed leave of the Court to imparle until the second Tuesday of September and they had it, the same day is given to the said Benjamin Hatchison then &c.

At which said second tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five came the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid; and thereupon at the prayer of the said ~~Benjamin Hatchison~~ Marmaduke Tilden and John Bradley by their Attorneys afs. it was ruled by the Court that the said Benjamin Hatchison declare against them in the plea aforesaid by the second Tuesday of April then next; the same day was given the said Marmaduke Tilden and John Bradley ~~their~~ and &c. At which said second tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys, aforesaid; And thereupon the said Benjamin Hatchison by his Attorneys aforesaid declared against the said Marmaduke Tilden and John Bradley in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit. The Easton shore of Maryland Kent County to wit. Marmaduke Tilden and John Bradley late of Kent County Planters were Attached to answer unto Benjamin Hatchison of a plea of trespass on the case and so forth. — And whereupon the said Benjamin Hatchison by Robert Wright his Attorney complains, that whereas by the Constitution and Form of Government of the state of Maryland among other Things it is provided and Established, That sheriffs shall be elected in each County by Ballot every third year, that is to say two persons for the office of sheriff for each County, the one of whom having the Majority of Votes, or if both have an equal Number either of them at the Discretion of the Governor, to be commissioned by the Governor for the said Office and further that the Election be held at the same Time and place appointed for the

Election of Delegates and that the Justices there summoned to attend for the preservation of the of the peace shall be Judges of the Election of Sheriff and of the Qualification of Candidates who shall appoint a Clerk to take the Ballots and that all freemen above the Age of twenty one years, and having a freehold of fifty Acres of Land in the County in which they offer to ballot and residing there in, and all freemen above the Age of twenty one years and having property in the state above the Value of thirty pounds Current Money and having resided in the County in which they offer to Ballot one whole year next preceding the Election shall have a right of suffrage that no person shall be eligible to the office of sheriff for a County but an Inhabitant of said County above the Age twenty one Years and having real and personal property in the state above the value of one thousand pounds Current Money, that the Justices afs. shall examine the Ballot, and the two Candidates properly qualified having in each County the Majority of legal Ballots, shall be declared duly elected for the Office of sheriff for such County by the said Judges and by them returned to the Governor and Council with a Certificate of the Number of Ballots for each of them agreeably to the Constitution and form of Government in such Case made and provided and the said Benjamin further declares that on the first Monday in October Seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit. on the sixth Day of October Seventeen hundred and ninety four an Election for Delegates, and sheriffs for Kent County aforesaid was held at Chester Town in the said County and was continued by Adjournment from Day to Day untill Thursday following inclusive that previous to the Commencement of the said Sheriff Election which was begun and held at the same Time and place, with the Election of Delegates for the said County John Bradley aforesaid and William Thomas Esquire were duly summoned as the Constitution prescribes by Phillip Reed Esq. Sheriff of said County as Justices for the preservation of the peace at the said Election of Delegates and that in Virtue of and in Conformity with the said Summons they attended at the place of Election to wit, at the Court house in said County and after having qualified as the afs. of Government requires proceeded to hold the said Election for sheriffs and did accordingly hold the same until the Evening of the third Day of said Election when William Thomas Esquire with drew that on the morning of the fourth Day the afs. Marmaduke Tilden Esq. was summoned by the afs. Phillip Reed Esquire instead of the said William Thomas Esquire that the aforesaid Marmaduke after taking the Oath prescribed by the form of Government proceeded to hold the said Election for sheriffs with the said John Bradley and did accordingly hold the same as Judges thereof that on the final of the Ballots given at the said Election, by the said Marmaduke Tilden and John Bradley the Judges of the said Sheriff Election the afs. Benjamin Hatchison