sonal Lands and Tenements in the County aforesaid hereafter particularly mentioned to be shewn
and being so seized the said Joshua on the thirteenth day of March in the year of our
Lord Seventeen hundred and sixty five made his Will in writing which was duly
proved and admitted to record in the Registers Office for the County aforesaid and by
said last Will gave and devised to the said Charlotte Robertson wife of the said
Thomas and her Heirs forever one Lot of ground in Snow Hill Town, whereon the
said Joshua then lived; and the said Joshua did further devise to his said son
Littleton Townsend and his Heirs all the rest of his Estate, consisting of one
Tenement and sixteen acres of land called Salem; also part of a Tract of land call.
Batchelors Luck; as also part of a Tract of land called Struggle situate lying and
being in the County aforesaid, and afterwards to wit, on the day of November in the year
of our Lord Seventeen hundred and ninety four at the County aforesaid, died seized of
such his Estate of and in the Lands and Tenements aforesaid, so devised to them the said
Charlotte and Littleton, after whose death and before the commencement of this
Suit, to wit, on the first day of November in the year of our Lord Seventeen
hundred and ninety five at the County aforesaid the said Littleton Townsend Thomas
Robertson & Charlotte his wife entered into the said Lands and Tenements respectively
devised to them as aforesaid, by reason whereof the said Littleton Townsend Thomas
Robertson & Charlotte his wife became liable to perform and fulfill the Covenants &
Agreements entered into by the said Joshua in his Lifetime with the said John
Predeaux, in his lifetime. And the said Robins and Hammond in fact say that
the said Joshua in his lifetime nor the said Littleton Townsend, Thomas Robertson
and Charlotte his wife and William B. Townsend & Sarah Townsend nor either of
them, since the death of the said Joshua hath not nor hath either of them
performed the Covenant and Agreement so entered into in manner & form as aforesaid, but
the same the said Joshua in his lifetime, and the said Littleton Townsend Thomas Robertson
and Charlotte his wife and William B. Townsend & Sarah Townsend since the death
of the said Joshua have and each of them has severally broken, in this that the said
Joshua in his lifetime did not pay to the said John Predeaux in his lifetime, nor to
the said Robins & Hammond or either of them since the death of the said John nor
have the said Littleton, Thomas and Charlotte his wife, William or Sarah as heirs
or devisees of the said Joshua nor hath either of them paid to the said John Predeaux
in his lifetime or to the said Robins & Hammond or to either of them since the death of
the said John Predeaux the full and just Sum of One hundred pounds in Bonds
or Notes on or before the first day of January Seventeen hundred ninety four
contrary to the form and effect of the said Covenant in this behalf made. And this the
said Robins & Hammond says the said Joshua in his lifetime & the said Littleton

Townsend and Thomas Robertson and Charlotte his wife & William Townsend & Sarah Townsend
or either of them since the death of the said Joshua have not nor hath either of them kept
the said Covenant with the said John in his lifetime or with the said Robins & Hammond or either
of them since the death of the said John, but have broken the same & hath hitherto refused & still
do refuse to keep the same with Hence whereby the said Robins & Hammond say they have
sustained damage to the value of One hundred and fifty pounds current money & therefore
and therefore they bring Suit. and they bring here into Court the Letters Testamentary of
the said John, whereby it sufficiently appears that the said Littleton Robins & Edward Hammond
are Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said John Predeaux & thereof to have
Administration &c. John Doe & Richard Roe — Pledges &c.

I Joshua Townsend promise to pay to John Predeaux his Heirs or Assigns the full and
just Sum of One hundred pounds in Bonds or Notes, on or before the first day of January
in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four 1794 to be clear of interest
until ninety four 1794 for value received as Witness my hand and Seal the 12th day of
April 1790. Test Peter Townsend } £100. Joshua Townsend (Seal)

Thereupon the said Littleton Townsend & Thomas Robinson & Charlotte his wife heirs & Devisees
of Joshua Townsend and William B. Townsend & Sarah Townsend Heirs of Joshua Townsend
by their Attorney aforesaid presented to the Court here the State's Writ commanding the
Sheriff and Sheriff of the County aforesaid in these words following, to wit —
The State of Maryland to the Chief Justice and his associates Justices of Worcester County
Court Greeting: Whereas Littleton Townsend & Thomas Robertson & Charlotte his wife
Heirs and Devisees of Joshua Townsend dec.d & William B. Townsend & Sarah
Townsend heirs of the said Joshua Townsend dec.d are detained in the prison of
our said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain
Littleton Robins & Edward Hammond Exors of John Predeaux of a plea of Covenant
broken &c. 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 Littleton
Townsend & Thomas Robertson & Charlotte his wife heirs & Devisees of Joshua Townsend
dec.d & William B. Townsend & Sarah Townsend heirs of the said Joshua Townsend dec.d
by whatsoever name or names they may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with
the cause of their 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 said Judges
of our said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains. Witness
Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then & there this Writ. Witness
the Honorable R. Goldsborough Esq. Chief Judge of our said Court the 11th day of