pledge and manucapter for the ads Robert Muir that if it should happen that
Judgment by the Court here for the ads Alexander Smith in the plea ads against the said
Robert Muir should be rendered, then the same John Muir granted that as well the
debt ads as all such damages costs and charges which unto the ads Alexander Smith in
this part should by the Court be adjudged of his Lands and chattels should be made and to
the use of the said Alexander Smith levied, if it should happen that the said Robert Muir
the debt damages costs and charges ads unto the ads Alexander Smith should not pay
or his body in Execution of such Judgment to the public prison of Dorchester County
ads by that occasion should not render, and thereupon day was given as well to the
said Alexander Smith as to the said Robert Muir by the Court here until the fourth
Monday in October then next following. At which day to wit the said fourth
Monday in October, here came again the parties ads by their Attorney ads and
the ads Alexander Smith by his Attorney ads affirmed his Declaration in the plea ads
in manner and form following to wit Dorchester County to wit Robert Muir late of
Dorchester County was summoned to answer unto Alexander Smith of a plea that
he render unto him the full and just sum of thirty eight pounds three shillings & five
pence current money which unto him he owes and unjustly detains &c.
And whereupon the same Alexander by Isaiah Bayly his Attorney saith that the said
Robert on the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred &
ninety six at the County ads by his certain Bill obligatory sealed with the seal of the said
Robert and here into Court now brought, the date whereof is the same day and year
acknowledged himself to be indebted unto the said Alexander in the ads sum of thirty
eight pounds three shillings and five pence halfpenny current money of Maryland to be
paid unto the said Alexander when he the said Robert should be thereunto afterwards
required. Nevertheless the said Robert the ads sum of money, or any part thereof unto
him the said Alexander yet hath not rendered or paid (all the times often required)
but the same to him to render or pay hitherto altogether hath refused and still doth
refuse to the damage of the said Alexander Sixty pounds current money of Maryland
and therefore he brings suit &c. } John Doe &
Isaiah Bayly for the plaintiff } Richard Roe } pledges &c.
The Bill obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration enters in
the following words, to wit This shall oblige me my Heirs Executors & Administrators
to pay unto Alexander Smith or his certain Attorney the sum of thirty eight pounds three
shillings and five pence halfpenny with legal Interest thereon for value received.
As witness my hand and seal this sixth day of September seventeen hundred and
ninety six — Test Dan.l M'Donnell — Robert Muir (Seal)
And the said Robert Muir by his Attorney ads prays the liberty of imparlance thereof
until the third Monday of March then next following and it is granted unto him
the same day was given to the said Alexander Smith there &c. And now here at this day
to wit the said third day of March seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again
into Court the parties ads by their Attorneys ads, and the ads Robert Muir by his
Attorney ads affirmed his plea against the said Alexander Smith in manner and form
following to wit Robert Muir ats Alexander Smith. D.t Nar &c. And the

same Robert by William Bond Martin his Attorney comes and defends the force and
injury when &c. and prays an hearing of the Bill obligatory ads and the same to him in
these words following to wit This shall oblige me my Heirs Executors & Administrators
to pay unto Alexander Smith or his certain attorney the sum of thirty eight pounds three
shillings and five pence halfpenny with legal Interest thereon for value received. As
witness my hand and seal this sixth day of September seventeen hundred and ninety eight
Test Dan.l M'Donnell — Robert Muir Seal
Which being read and heard the same Robert says that the same Alexander his action
ads thereof against him to have or maintain ought not because he says that after the
execution of the aforesaid Bill obligatory and before the impetration of the original writ in
this cause to wit on the seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and ninety six at the County ads he the said Robert paid to the said Alexander
the said sum of thirty eight pounds three shillings and five pence halfpenny current
money of Maryland in the said Bill mentioned together with all the interest thereon then
due, and this the said Robert is ready to verify; wherefore he prays Judgment if the said
Alexander his action ads thereof against him to have or maintain ought &c. —
Wm B Martin for Deft. And the said Robert Muir by his Attorney ads produceth to
the Court here a writ of Habeas Corpus of the State of Maryland to the Justices and Sheriff
ads directed, the Tenor whereof enures in the following words and figures to wit —
The State of Maryland. To the Chief Justice and his Associates Justices of Dorchester County
Court, and to the Sheriff ads of Dorchester County Greeting: Whereas a certain
Robert Muir is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody
of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Alexander Smith of a plea
of debt, which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices
undetermined as ads, and we being willing for divers causes that the plea ads undetermined
as ads should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court: We therefore
Command you that you have the body of the said Robert Muir by whatsoever name or
names he may be called in the plea ads together with the cause of his Caption & 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 April that
the same Judges 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 Nicholas Brewington Esq. Chief Judge of our said Court the 13 day of September 1797.
Issued the 20th day of March 1798. Wm James Earle Junior Clerk —
Which being read and heard the same is by the Court allowed and it is ordered by
the same Court that the cause of the Caption and detention of the said Robert Muir together
with the Record and process ads and all proceedings relating to the same be accordingly
transmitted before the Judges of the General Court at their Court to be held for the
Eastern Shore of the said State at Talbot County Court house on the second day of
April next ensuing that the said Judges may further proceed therein as to Justice
appertains and so forth R Dickinson Clk —
Dorchester County to wit I hereby certify that the Manuscript and proceedings with
described were faithfully & truly taken and copied from the Record and proceedings of

Eastern Shore General Court Seal