Dorchester County court now remaining in my Office — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the public seal of my Office this 28th day of March 1798. A Dickinson Clk

Dorchester County Court Seal

And thereupon on motion of the said Robert Muir by his attorney (ap), it is ruled by the Court here that the said Alexander Smith reply to the answer of him the said Robert Muir in the plea (ap), or Judgment will be rendered against him by default, and the said Alexander Smith by his Attorney (ap) defends the force and injury when &c and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in September next to reply to the answer of the said Robert Muir in the plea (ap) and he hath it the same day given to the said Robert Muir then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight comes again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attorneys (ap) and the said Alexander Smith by his attorney (ap) saith, that for anything by the said Robert Muir before alledged he ought not to be precluded from having his action (ap) against him, because he saith that the said Robert Muir hath not paid to the said Alexander Smith the said sum of thirty eight pounds three shillings & twopence halfpenny in manner and form as the said Robert Muir above in his pleading hath alledged, and this he prays may be enquired of by the Country &c, and the said Robert Muir in like manner &c thereupon further prays of and upon the premises (ap) being continued until the second Tuesday in April next. And now here to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety nine, comes again into Court the parties (ap) by their Attorneys (ap) and the said Robert Muir by his Attorney (ap) defends the force and injury when &c and saith that he cannot deny the action (ap), nor that he owes to the (ap) Alexander Smith the (ap) sum of Thirty eight pounds three shillings and five pence halfpenny current money in manner and form as the said Alexander Smith above against him hath complained nor likewise that the said Alexander Smith hath sustained damages by reason of the detention of the said debt to the sum of Sixty pounds current money besides his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Alexander Smith recover against the said Robert Muir as well the said sum of thirty eight pounds three shillings & twopence halfpenny current money his debt (ap) in form (ap) confessed, as the sum of sixty pounds current money his damages (ap) in form (ap) acknowledged as also the quantity of One thousand one hundred and thirty two pounds of Tobacco for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf laid out & expended and the said Robert Muir in mercy &c. James Earle Clk

Judgment April the 16th 1799 for the Debt and Sixty pounds Damages & Costs. Damages to be released on the payment of Interest on £38. 2s. 5p. from the 6th of September 1796 till paid. Stay of Execution till next Court, payments if any thereof allowed. —

Henry Somerville against Robert Muir . . . } Be it remembered &c, that the Defendant in this cause by William Bond Martin his Attorney prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the following writ of Habeas Corpus cum causa, to wit,

The State of Maryland: To the Chief Justice and his Associate Justices of Dorchester County court, and to the Sheriff 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 Henry Somerville in a plea of action of debt which said plea as it is said State depends before you our said Justices undetermined as (ap), and we being willing for divers causes that the said plea (ap) undetermined as (ap) 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 said plea (ap) 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 April next that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains according to law. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable A Greenleaf Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of September 1797. Issued the 20th day of September 1798. — James Earle Junr Clk

At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety eight being the return day of the aforesaid writ, to wit, the Justices and Sheriff (ap), in obedience to the Command contained in the said writ, to wit, the said Sheriff now hath here the body of the said Robert Muir and the said Justices Certify and Transmit to the Court here the following Record of proceedings, to wit. In the Records and proceedings of Dorchester County Court, this amongst other things enrolled as follows to wit. Dorchester County to wit. At a County Court of the State of Maryland held for Dorchester County (ap), at Cambridge in the said County the nineteenth day of March seventeen hundred and ninety eight before the Honorable John Done Esquire Chief Justice and his associates the said State Justices of the same County Court for now were present. John Done Esq. Chief Justice

Moses Lecompte Esq. } Associate Justices
Robert Dennis Esq.

H Lake Esq. Sheriff — J Dickinson Clk —

Henry Somerville against Robert Muir } Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County on the first Monday of March 1797 that he should take Robert Muir late of Dorchester County planter if in his Bailiwick he should be found and him in his custody safely keep, so that he should have his body before the Justices of our County Court at Cambridge in the said County, the third Monday in March then next following, to answer unto Henry Somerville of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of forty one pounds five shillings twopence halfpenny current money which unto him he owes and from him unjustly detains (ap). And