the plaintiff together with the cause of his Capture 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 General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains and saith 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 13th day of September 1797. Issued the 20th day of March 1798. — James Earle Clerk

At which said second Tuesday in April Seventeen hundred and ninety eight being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, the Justices and Sheriff aforesaid in obedience to the Command contained in the said writ, the said Sheriff now hath here the body of the said Nathaniel Manning Executor as aforesaid, and the said Justices further do cause writ to be entered here the following Record, to wit. In the Records and proceedings of Dorchester County Court it is 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 at Cambridge in the said County the nineteenth day of March seventeen hundred ninety eight before the honorable John Done Esquire and his Associates the said Justices of the same County Court aforesaid were present —

John Done Esquire Chief Justice
Moses Lecompte Esquire } Associate Justices
Robert Dennis Esquire }

W. Lake Esquire Sheriff — W. Jefferson Clk.

Robert Ewing — Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County on the
pl. — second day of February seventeen hundred and ninety seven that
Nathaniel Manning — he should take Nathaniel Manning late of Dorchester County
Exor of John — yeoman, Executor of the last Will and Testament of John Manning
late of Dorchester County deceased if in his Bailiwick he should be found and him safely
cause safely keep, so that he should have his body before the Justices of our County
Court to be holden at Cambridge in the said County the third Monday in March next to
answer unto Robert Ewing of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of
One hundred pounds current money which from him he unjustly detains &c. And
that he shewed then and there have that writ. At which said third Monday in
March came into Court the aforesaid Robert Ewing by Thomas James Bullitt his
Attorney and John Stoskell then the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to the Court here made return
that he has taken the body of the said Nathaniel Manning, and the same Ready
according to the nature of the said writ. And the said Nathaniel Manning by William
Bond Martin his Attorney came here into Court, and thereupon day was given by
rule to the said Robert Ewing as to the said Nathaniel Manning there from rule till
the fourth Monday in October then next following. At which said day to wit, the
fourth Monday in October here came again as well the said Robert as the said Nathaniel
by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Robert Ewing by his Attorney aforesaid filed his declaration
in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit. Dorchester County to wit.
Nathaniel Manning late of Dorchester County yeoman, Executor of the last Will &
Testament of John Manning late of the said County deceased was summoned to answer
unto Robert Ewing of a plea that he render unto him the full and just sum of

One hundred pounds current money which to him he owes & from him unjustly detains
&c. And whereupon the same Robert Ewing by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney says
that the same John Manning in his lifetime to wit, on the nineteenth day of July
in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and ninety four at the County aforesaid by
his certain Bill obligatory sealed with his seal in his lifetime thereunto Court now
brought the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid did promise and oblige himself to
pay or cause to be paid unto the said Robert the aforesaid sum of one hundred pounds current
money of Maryland with lawful Interest thereon from the date of the said Bill until
paid for value received of him, whenever after he the same John should be thereto required.
To the payment whereof well and truly to be made and done the same John in his lifetime
bound himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by the same Bill. Nevertheless
the same John in his lifetime, or the said Nathaniel Manning since the death of the said
John Manning (all the thereto afterwards often required) the aforesaid sum of money & Interest
or any part thereof unto the said Robert yet hath not paid satisfied or contented, but
the said sum of money & Interest or any part thereof to pay or satisfy unto the said
Robert he the said John in his lifetime, and the said Nathaniel since the death of
the said John & each of them hitherto altogether have refused and the said Nathaniel still
doth refuse to the damage of the said Robert two hundred pounds current money of Maryland
and therefore he brings his Suit &c.

Thos J. Bullitt for Plff. — Pleas &c. — John Doe & Richard Roe

The Bill Obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration cursues in
the following words and figures to wit. On demand I Promise & oblige myself my
Heirs Executors & Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Robert Ewing Senr.
his Heirs or Assigns on demand the full and just sum of One hundred pounds
Specie with lawful Interest thereon for value received. As witness my hand & seal
the nineteenth day of July 1794. Witness Jacob Aldridge — John Manning (Seal)

On the Back of which said Bill was this Endorsement, to wit.
Dorchester County Sc. Nov. 3. 1794. Then came Capt. Robert Ewing before me the
Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made Oath on the
Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he had not directly or indirectly received any
part parcel security or satisfaction for the within Bill or Interest. Samuel Brown
And the said Nathaniel Manning by his Attorney aforesaid prayed the liberty of imparling
thereof until the third Monday in March then next following. And now here at
this day to wit, the third Monday in March seventeen hundred and ninety eight
come again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Nathaniel Manning
by his Attorney aforesaid affirms his plea against the said Robert Ewing in manner & form following to wit.

Nath. Manning Exor of John — Dt. Nar &c. and the said Nathaniel Manning by William Bond Martin
his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c. and prays
an hearing of the Bill obligatory aforesaid, and the same to come in
the words following, to wit. On Demand I Promise & oblige
myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Robert Ewing
Senr. his Heirs or Assigns on demand the full and just sum of One hundred pounds
Specie with lawful Interest thereon for value received. As witness my hand & seal
this 19th day of July 1794. Witness Jacob Aldridge — John Manning (Seal)