sum of thirty three pounds nine shillings aux seven pence current money which to him he owes and from him unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the same Peter Gordon by Josiah Bayly his Attorney saith that whereas the ap John Muir on the third day of October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five at the County ap by his certain Bill obligatory, which the same Peter Gordon, with the Seal of the said John Muir sealed here into Court doth bring, the date whereof is the same day and year ap have acknowledged himself to owe unto the same Peter Gordon the sum of thirty pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence current money to be paid to the same Peter Gordon his Executors Administrators or Assigns when thereto afterwards he should be required; for the true payment whereof the ap John Muir bound himself in the ap penal sum of sixty seven pounds and eighteen shillings current money ap firmly by the same Bill; and the ap Peter Gordon infant saith that the ap John Muir did not ap to him the said Peter Gordon the ap sum of thirty three pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence or any part thereof (all the tide the same the said John Muir by his said Peter Gordon on the third day of October in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five to often afterwards at the County ap was required whereby action hath accrued to the said Peter Gordon to demand and have of the same John Muir the ap penal sum of sixty seven pounds & eighteen shillings current money. NEVERTHELESS the said John Muir (although often required) the ap penal sum of sixty seven pounds and eighteen shillings current money or any part thereof to the said Peter Gordon yet hath not paid; but the same to him to pay hitherto altogether hath refused and still doth refuse to the damage of the said Peter Gordon two hundred pounds current money; and thereupon he brings suit and therefore

Josiah Bayly for the Pltff

John Doe
pledges &c. Rich.d Roe

The Bill obligatory whereof mention is made in the aforegoing Declaration cursus as follows, to wit: I hereby promise and oblige myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Peter Gordon his Heirs or Assigns the full & just sum of Thirty three pounds nineteen shillings & seven pence with legal Interest for the same it being for value received. To which payment well & truly to be made & done I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators in the penal sum of Sixty seven pounds Eighteen Shillings like money. As witness my hand & seal this third day of October Seventeen hundred and ninety five. Jno Muir (Seal)

Test. Saml Brown

And the ap John Muir by his Attorney ap defendes the wrong and injury when &c, and prays leave to imparle unto the fourth Monday in October this next following and it was granted unto him the same day was given to the said Peter Gordon there &c. At which said fourth Monday in October here came into Court the parties ap by their Attorneys ap, and the ap John Muir by his Attorney ap prays the further liberty of imparling thereof until the third Monday in March then next following and it was granted unto him the same day was given to the ap Peter Gordon there &c. AND now here at this day towit the third Monday in March seventeen hundred and ninety eight into Court the parties

ap by their Attorneys ap, and the ap John Muir by his Attorney ap offered his Plea against the said Peter Gordon in manner and form following towit.

John Muir at Peter Gordon } Dec. &c. Ad. the same John Muir by William Bond Martin his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c. and prays an hearing of the Bill obligatory ap, and its condition within written under following towit. I hereby promise and oblige myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Peter Gordon his Heirs or Assigns the full & just sum of thirty three pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence with legal Interest for the same it being for value received. Which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself my Heirs Executors & Administrators with penal sum of sixty seven pounds eighteen shillings like money. As witness my hand and seal this third day of October Seventeen hundred and ninety five. Test Saml Brown — Jno Muir (Seal)

Which being read and heard the said John Muir says that the said Peter Gordon his action ap thereof against him to have or maintain ought not because he says that after the execution of the said Bill obligatory before the institution of the original writ within mentioned on the fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety five at the County ap he the said John paid to the said Peter the said sum of thirty three pounds nineteen shillings & seven pence current money of Maryland in the said Bill mentioned together with all the Interest then thereon due and this the said John is ready to verify whereupon he prays Judgment if the said Peter his action ap thereof against him to have or maintain ought &c.

Wm B. Martin for Dfdt

And the ap John Muir by his Attorney ap produceth to the Court here a writ of Habeas Corpus of the State of Maryland to the Justices and Sheriff ap directed the tenor whereof follows in the following words and figures to wit

The State of Maryland — To the Chief Justice and his Associate Justices Dorchester County Court and to the Sheriff of Dorchester County Greeting. Whereas a certain John Muir is detained in the prison of your said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Peter Gordon for the use of Thomas Lockerman of a plea of debt; which said plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined as ap & we being willing for divers causes that the plea ap undetermined as ap should be heard & determined before the Judges of our General Court We therefore Command you that you have the body of the said John Muir by what soever name or names he may be called in the plea ap, together with the cause of his Caption & Detention & 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 & Law. Witness fail not at your peril, and have you then & there this writ. Witness the Honorable Rl Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of September 1797. Issued the 22. day of March 1797. Wm James Clerk C. C.

Which being read & heard the same is filed. Court allowed bill ordered by the same Court