and death. — H. Dickinson Clk.

Dorchester County to wit: I hereby certify all persons whom it doth or may concern that the Transcript and proceedings within described were truly & faithfully taken from among the Records and Proceedings of Dorchester County Court now remaining in my Office. In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed the public Seal of my Office this 20th day of March Fourteen hundred & ninety eight.

(Seal) H. Dickinson Clk. Dorchester County Court.

And thereupon came into Court as well the said Abraham Neale by Josiah Bayly his Attorney, as the said James Ross by William Bond Martin his Attorney, and the said James Ross by his Attorney ats defended the force & injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle unto the second Tuesday in September then next, and he has it the same day was given to the said Abraham Neale then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties ats by their Attorneys ats; and thereupon on motion of the said James Ross by his Attorney ats, it was ordered by the Court here that the said Abraham Neale reply to the answer of the said James Ross in this plea ats, on or before the second Tuesday in April then next, or Judgment would be rendered against him in as much thereof; the same day was given to the said James Ross then &c.

And nowhere, to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred & ninety nine came again into Court the parties ats by their Attorneys ats, and the said James Ross by his Attorney ats defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that he cannot deny the Action ats, nor that he owes unto the ats Abraham Neale the ats sum of Seventy pounds current money in manner & form as the said Abraham Neale above against him hath complained, nor likewise that the said Abraham Neale hath sustained damages by reason of the detention of the said Debt, to the sum of fifty pounds current money, besides his Costs & Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf expended. Wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Abraham Neale recover against the said James Ross as well the said Sum of Seventy pounds current money, his debt ats in form ats confessed, as the sum of Fifty pounds current money his damages ats in form ats acknowledged; as also the quantity of nine hundred and ninety eight pounds of Tobacco for his Costs & Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended; and the said James Ross in mercy &c.

James Earle Clerk

Judgement was confessed in this action on the Seventh day of April seventeen hundred ninety nine for £70 debt & £50. Damages & Costs. Damages to be released on the payment of Interest on £70. from 25 January 1796. till paid. Payments, if any to be allowed. Stay of execution till next Court.

James Steele
against
Nathaniel Manning
For of John Manning

Be it remembered that on the twenty eighth day of February seventeen hundred and ninety eight Commission was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County to take Nathaniel Manning late of Dorchester County, Executor of the last Will & Testament of John Manning late of Dorchester County deceased if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep, so that he might have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto Samuel Steele of a plea that he render unto him the sum of two hundred and thirty four pounds fourteen shillings current money which from him he unjustly detained &c. And that he the said Sheriff should not fail thereof at his peril and should then and there have that writ. At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred ninety eight being the day for the return of the aforegoing writ, came into Court the said James Steele by William Bond Martin his Attorney, and the Sheriff of Dorchester County to whom the said writ was directed made return thereof to the Court here that he endorsed to writ. "Copia Henry Lates Shff." And the said Nathaniel Manning Executor as ats being called appeared in Court here by Josiah Bayly his Attorney & defended the force and injury when &c. and prayed leave to imparle unto the second Tuesday in April then next and he has it, the same day was given to the said James Steele then &c. At which said second Tuesday in September Seventeen hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties ats by their Attorneys ats, and the said James Steele by his Attorney ats declared against the said Nathaniel Manning in this plea ats as follows to wit. Eastern Shore of Maryland Dorchester County &c. Nathaniel Manning late of Dorchester County Executor of the last Will and Testament of John Manning late of Dorchester County deceased was summoned to answer unto Samuel Steele of a plea that he render unto him the full sum of two hundred thirty four pounds fourteen shillings current money which from him he unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said Samuel by William B. Martin his Attorney saith that the said John in his lifetime to wit on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety five at the County ats by his certain writing obligatory which sealed with the Seal of the said John the same Samuel doth here into Court bring the date whereof is the same day and year ats acknowledged himself to be held & firmly bound unto the said James in the sum of two hundred and thirty four pounds fourteen shillings current money to be paid to the said Samuel when he the said John should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the said John in his lifetime nor the said Nathaniel since the death of the said John (altho' often required) have not nor hath either of them paid the said sum of money or any part thereof to the said James but have hitherto altogether refused & do still refuse to the damage of the said James Five hundred pounds current money and thereupon he brings Suit &c. W.B. Martin for Plff. pledges Jno. Doe & Richd.