hundred and ninety nine, comes again into Court the parties afs by their Attorneys afs and the said State by their Attorney afs filed her Replication in Reply to the plea afs, in the following words, to wit. And the same State for replication saith that John Watts deceased died possessed of a considerable personal Estate amounting to current money of Maryland more than sufficient to pay all his debts, which Estate came to the hands and possession of the said Catharine Watts his Admrix in the said Condition mentioned, and was afterwards waisted by the said Catharine Watts & a certain Nathan Newton (with whom she intermarried after the death of the same John Watts) and converted to their own use, and the said State further saith that the said Catharine Watts has since deceased having nothing whereby the said State can be made good, or to which the creditors of the said John Watts can resort for satisfaction of their debts. And the said State further saith that there is due to the said James Smith pltff for whose use this Suit is prosecuted the sum of £330.10.3 principal debt for goods wares & Merchandizes sold and delivered to the said John Watts in his lifetime by the said Smith & also the sum of £88.18.10 Interest on that principal sum calculated up to the first day of January 1799 which debt hath been frequently demanded by the said Smith, but hath not in any sort been paid or satisfied nor any part thereof whereof this Suit is prosecuted by the said Smith against the said William Ahers as security for the faithful Administration of the said Catharine Watts for the recovery of the debt and interest afs. The Pltff &c. And the said William Ahers by his Attorney afs, defends the force and injury when &c and saith that he cannot deny the action afs, nor that he owes unto the said State the afs sum of five thousand pounds current money in manner & form as the said State above against him complains. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said State recover against the said William Ahers as well the said sum of Five thousand pounds current money her debt afs in form afs confessed, as the quantity of seven hundred and one pounds of Tobacco for her Damages which she hath sustained as well by reason of the detention of the said debt as for her Costs & Charges by her about her suit in this behalf expended; and the said William Ahers in mercy &c. James Earle Esq. Judgment was confessed in this Action on the 19th April 1799 for penalty & costs to be released on the payment of £400 & costs. Stay till 21st June next.

State of Maryland for use of James Smith pltff against Thomas Helsby } Be it remembered that the proceedings in this cause are the same as the preceding one of Wm Ahers James Earle pltff Atty

Peter Denny against Robert Dawson & James Dawson } Be it remembered that on the 23 day of August 1797 Commission was given to the Sheriffs of Talbot & Queen Ann's Counties to take Robert Dawson late of the counties afs if in their Bailiwicks they should be found and them safe keep, so that they might have their bodies before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of September then next to answer unto Peter Denny in a plea of Trespass on the case &c. And that thereof they the said Sheriffs should not fail at their peril and should then and there have then & there this writ. At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety seven being the day for the return of the aforegoing writs, came into Court the said Peter Denny by Thomas J Bullitt his Attorney and the Sheriffs afs made return of the writs afs to the same here thereunto endorsed to wit. N.E. Robert Cepi James in Talbot &c answers Dan'l C. Coxe Shff Cepi James N.E. Robert in Ann's R. C. Hale Shff Queen Ann's County. And the said James & Robert Dawson appeared in Court here, the said Robert voluntarily by Thomas C. Martin their Attorney, and thereupon on motion of the said Peter Denny by his Attorney afs, it was ordered by the Court that the said Robert & James Dawson should give special bail in the plea afs. Whereupon a certain William Hubbard of Talbot County Gentleman came here into Court in his proper person and undertook for the said Robert & James Dawson, that in case the said Peter Denny should recover Judgment in the plea afs, or that the said Robert & James Dawson should be therein legally convicted; that then the said Robert & James Dawson should pay the condemnation of the Court therefor, or render their bodies to the custody of the Sheriff of the County afs in satisfaction thereof or that he the said William Hubbard would do the same for them. And the said Robert & James Dawson by their Attorney afs defend the force and injury when &c, and prayed leave to imparle until the second Tuesday in April then next and they had it the same day given to the said Peter Denny they. At which said second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and ninety eight, came into Court the parties afs by their Attorneys afs. And the said Peter Denny by his Attorney afs, declared against the said Robert & James Dawson in the plea afs as follows, to wit. Eastern Shore of Maryland Talbot County to wit. Robert Dawson late of Talbot County yeoman & James Dawson late of Talbot County yeoman, were summoned to answer unto Peter Denny in a plea of Trespass on the case &c. And whereupon the same Peter Denny, by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney complains that whereas on the day of in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred ninety at the County afs, long before that time and afterwards, there, the same Robert Dawson and James Dawson were the owners & the same James Dawson was the master & commander of a certain Schooner boat or Vessel called the Polly