Maryland Talbot County Sc. Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Morgan of the County and State aforesaid am held and firmly bound unto George Miller of Kent County and State of Delaware in the just and full sum of ninety eight pounds fourteen shillings and twopence good and lawful money of Maryland, to be paid to the said George Miller his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns on or before the first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety six, to which payment well and truly to be made & done I bind myself my Heirs Executors Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal dated this fourth day of May one thousand seven hundred & ninety five, he also prays an hearing of the condition of the same writing obligatory and its likewise read to him in these words following to wit — The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Morgan his Heirs Executors Admrs do well and truly pay or cause to be paid to George Miller to him his Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of Forty nine pounds seven shillings & one penny good and lawful money as aforesaid with legal Interest thereon, then this Obligation to be void and of no effect; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue in law. Thomas Morgan (Seal) Sealed & delivered in presence of James Bannon, John Needles. Which being severally read and heard the same Thomas Morgan says that the same George Miller his action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain ought not because he says that after the execution of the same writing obligatory & before the impetration of the original writ in this cause to wit, on the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety six at the County aforesaid he the same Thomas Morgan paid to the same George Miller the said principal sum of Forty nine pounds seven shillings and one penny current money of Maryland, in the said condition mentioned together with all the Interest thereon due, according to the Statute in such case made & provided and this the same Thomas Morgan is ready to verify whereupon he prays Judgment of the same George Miller his action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain ought he Which now here on this day to wit, on the said Second Monday in November in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven came here again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Thomas Morgan by his Attorney aforesaid prayed to the Court here a writ of Habeas Corpus of the State of Maryland to the Justices and Sheriff aforesaid, the Tenor whereof is in the ensuing words & figures to wit —

The State of Maryland. To the Chief Justice and his Associate Justices of Talbot County Court and to the Sheriff of Talbot County Greeting: Whereas a certain Thomas Morgan late of Talbot County is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain George Miller of a plea of debt as he saith which said plea or cause he said state defendant before you our said Justices aforesaid we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid & aforesaid should be heard & determined before the Judges of our General Court. We therefore command you that you have the body of the said Thomas Morgan by whatsoever name or names he may be called in plea aforesaid 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 procede therein as to Justice appertains according to law. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then & there this writ. Witness the honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge

(Seal of the General Court)

of our said Court the 12th day of September 1797 & the 15 day of Nov. 1797 (Seal) James Earle jun. Clk. Which being read and heard the same is by the Court allowed and ordered by the same Court that the cause of the caption and detention of the said Thomas Morgan together with the Record and proceedings relating to the same be accordingly transmitted, before the honorable the Judges of the General Court at their Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the State aforesaid at Easton in Talbot County on the second Tuesday of April next ensuing that the said Judges may further procede therein as to Justice appertains according to law — Test Wm. Bond Clk.

Talbot County to wit. I do hereby certify that the foregoing Records & proceedings were faithfully and exactly taken from the Record and Proceedings of Talbot County Court. In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the public Seal of my Office this third day of March seventeen hundred & ninety eight.

(Seal)

Wm. Bond Clk. of Talbot County

And thereupon came into Court as well the said George Miller by John Goldsborough his Attorney, as the said Thomas Morgan by his Attorney aforesaid, and on motion of the said George Miller by his Attorney aforesaid it was ruled by the Court that the said Thomas Morgan should answer to the Declaration in the plea aforesaid, on or before the next Term, or judgment would be rendered against him by default, the same day was given to the said George Miller then &c. At which said term, Tuesday the 5 September seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid, and the said Thomas Morgan by his Attorney aforesaid filed his plea in answer to the Declaration aforesaid as follows to wit: And the said Thomas Morgan by Thomas James Bullitt his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c and prays an hearing of the writing obligatory aforesaid and its read to him in these words following, to wit —

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