William Hambleton } Be it remembered that the Defendant in the
against } cause by Thomas S. Bullitt his attorney
John Daugherty } prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the following writ of Habeas Corpus cum causa, towit — The State of Maryland: To the Chief Justice and his associate Justices of Talbot County County Court, and to the Sheriff of Talbot County, Greeting: Whereas a certain John Daugherty is detained in the prison of our said County, under the custody of you our said Sheriff, at the suit of a certain William Hambleton of a plea of debt which said plea as it is said, sticks depends before you, our said Justices undetermined, & we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court. We therefore command you that you have the body of the said John Daugherty, by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the 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 September next that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed as to Justice appertains and of fath. — 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 10th day of April 1798. Issued the 2. day of June 1798. James Earle Clerk

At which said second Tuesday in September seventeen hundred and ninety eight, being the day for the return of the aforesaid writ the Justices and Sheriff in obedience to the Command contained in the said writ, towit, the said Sheriff now hath here the body of the said John Daugherty, and the said Justices certify and transmit to the Court here the following Record of proceedings towit

Among the Records and proceedings of Talbot County it is there enrolled towit

Talbot County, towit. At a County Court of the State of Maryland held at Easton in Talbot County on the fourth Monday of May anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight of whom were Present —

James Tilghman Esq. Chief Justice
William Hayward Esq. associate Justice
Edward Coe Esquire — Wm. Bond Clk

John Daugherty came here into Court by Thomas James Bullitt his attorney and produced to the Court here a writ of Habeas Corpus of the State of Maryland directed to the Chief Justice his associates and Sheriff in the following words and figures, towit. The State of Maryland. To the Chief Justice and his associate Justices of Talbot County Court, and to the Sheriff of Talbot County, Greeting.

(Seal) Whereas a certain John Daugherty is detained in the prison of your

said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain William Hambleton of a plea of debt, which said plea as it is said sticks depends before you our said Justices undetermined, and we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court. We therefore command you that you have the body of the said John Daugherty by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the 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 on the second Tuesday of September next that the Judges of our said General Court may further proceed thereon, as to Justice appertains and of fath. 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 10th day of April 1798. Issued the 2. day of June 1798. — (T. S. B.) James Earle Clerk

The Records and proceedings of the County Court are as follows, towit. —

William Hambleton } Dt. Non tenet rule plea — Be it remembered that on the second day of
John Daugherty — } April anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety seven William Hambleton sued out of the County Court of the State of Maryland, a writ directed to the Sheriff of Talbot County in the following words and figures towit — Talbot County towit. The State of Maryland: To the Sheriff of Talbot County Greeting: We Command you that you take John Daugherty late of Talbot County yeoman if he shall be found in your Bailiwick and him safe keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Easton on the fourth Monday of May next to answer unto William Hambleton of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred pounds current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c — Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the honorable James Tilghman Esquire Chief Justice of our said Court the 28th day of May 1796. Issued the 22. day of April 1797 (Sgd) Wm. Bond Clk

At which said fourth Monday in May anno domini seventeen hundred and ninety seven came again here the said William Hambleton by Nicholas Hammond his attorney and Daniel Powell Esq. then Sheriff of the County aforesaid to the Court here made return that he had taken the body of the aforesaid John Daugherty, whom he had ready at the day and place according to the exigence of the writ. and thereupon John Daugherty by Thomas S. Bullitt his attorney came here into Court, and the said John Daugherty at the prayer of the aforesaid William Hambleton was ruled to give special bail in the plea aforesaid whereupon John Jones of Talbot County came here into Court in his own proper person, and became pledge & undertaker for the said John Daugherty that if it should happen that Judgement by the Court here for the aforesaid William Hambleton should be rendered then the said John Jones granted that all such Debt, Damages Costs and Charges which unto the aforesaid William Hambleton should be rendered, then thereof John Jones granted that all such Debt, Damages Costs and Charges which unto the aforesaid William Hambleton in this part should by the Court be adjudged