Judgments.

Barney Course against **James Ringgold** — **Be it Remembered** that the Defendant by John Scott his attorney prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here, the following Writ of Habeas Corpus towit.

The State of Maryland To the Chief Justice and associate Justices of Kent County Court, and to the Sheriff of Kent County Greeting: Whereas a certain James Ringgold late of Kent County is detained in the prison of our said County, under the custody of you the said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Barney Course in a plea of debt &c. which said plea as it is said still depends before you the said Justices undetermined; and the General Court being willing for divers causes, that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of the General Court therefore you are hereby commanded to have the body of the said James Ringgold by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid; together with the cause of his Caption & detention and all things thereunto relating before the said General Court to be held at Easton on the second Tuesday of April next that the said General Court may further proceed therein, as to Justice appertains &c. Hereof fail not & have you then & there this Writ. Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esq Chief Judge of our said Court the 11th day of September 1798. Issued the 16th day of October 1798. Sa Early Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety nine being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid do not make return of the Record and Proceedings in the plea aforesaid, as by the said Writ they were commanded, therefore it is ruled by the Court here, that the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid should have the body of the said James Ringgold by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid, together with the cause of his Caption & detention and all things thereunto relating before the General Court to be held at Easton aforesaid the second Tuesday of September next that the said General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth. And now comes into the General Court here as well the said Barney Course by Robert Wright his attorney as the said James Ringgold by John Scott his attorney; and the said James Ringgold by his attorney aft. defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday of April next and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Barney Course also. At which said second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety nine, comes again into the General Court here the parties aft. by their attorneys, and the Justices of Kent County aft. do not comply with the above rule or make return of the Record and Proceedings in the plea aforesaid, therefore it is further ruled by the Court here that the Justices of Kent County aforesaid make return of the Record & proceedings in the plea aft. by the second Tuesday of April next; and the said James Ringgold by his attorney aft. defends the force and injury when &c. and prays leave to imparle until the second Tuesday of April next and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Barney Course also. **And now here** towit, the second Tuesday of April eighteen hundred comes again into the General Court here as well the said Barney Course by his attorney aft. as the said James Ringgold by James Scott & John Scott his attorneys and the Justices aft. in compliance with the rule aforesaid certify to the Court here the following Record, towit, In the Records and Proceedings of Kent County Court, it is among other things recorded as follows towit

Kent County, Maryland. At a Court held for Kent County at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the second Monday of October seventeen hundred and ninety eight before the Hon. James Tilghman Esq. and his associate Justices of the same Court of whom were present — James Tilghman Esquire Chief Justice. Samuel Chew Esq. Philip Reed Esq associate Justices —

Bon Peterson Shff. — Thos Worrell Clk.

Barney Course against **James Ringgold** — Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County, on the third Monday of March seventeen hundred and ninety seven, that he should take the body of James Ringgold late of Kent County planter if he should be found in his bailiwick, & him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at the Court House in the Town of Chester in said County on the second Monday of October next to answer unto Barney Course of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and twenty one pounds four shillings and twopence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. At which said second Monday of October seventeen hundred and ninety seven came the aft. Barney Course by Robert Wright his attorney, and the Sheriff of Kent County also came and made return of the Writ aft. to the Court here, thereon endorsed as follows towit By virtue of the within Writ to me directed I have taken the body of the within named James Ringgold & him safe keep ready at the day and place within contained so answer Cuthbert Hale Shff. Thereupon James Buchanan of Kent County in his proper person here into Court did come & became pledge & security for the aft. James Ringgold, that if it should happen to the said James Ringgold to be convicted in the plea aft. then the same security granted as well the debt aft. as all the damages costs and charges which to the same Barney Course should be adjudged of the goods and chattels Lands & Tenements of the same James Buchanan to be made, and for the use of the said Barney Course to be levied, if it should happen that the same James Ringgold the said debt and damages costs and charges of the same Barney Course in the plea aft. should not pay or himself unto the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County upon that occasion render — And the aft. Barney Course by Robert Wright his attorney came and offered himself against the aft. James Ringgold in the plea aft. and complained thereof against him in the following words towit.

Kent County towit. James Ringgold late of Kent County was summoned to answer unto Barney Course of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and twenty one pounds four shillings and twopence current money which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth. And whereupon the aft. Barney by Robert Wright his attorney saith that whereas the aft. James the eleventh day of February in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six at the County aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory had granted himself to be held and firmly bound to the aft. Barney in the aft. sum of one hundred and twenty one pounds four shillings and twopence to be paid unto the said Barney when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the said James altho' often required the aft. sum of one hundred and twenty one pounds four shillings & twopence unto the aft. Barney yet hath not paid, but that unto him to pay always hitherto hath refused & still doth refuse, to the damage of the aforesaid Barney five hundred pounds. current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth. and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aft. sealed with the seal of the said James which the debt aforesaid in form aft. testifies the date of which is the same day and year aft. and so forth. R. Wright Proplff. pledges &c. Jos Doe & R. Roe —

Oyer of the writing obligatory is as follows. **Know** all men by these presents that I James Ringgold of Chester Town in Maryland Gentleman, am held and firmly bound unto Barney Course of the same place Merchant in the sum of one hundred and twenty one pounds four shillings & twopence current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said Barney or his certain attorney, his heirs executors & administrators each & every of them firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal & dated this eleventh day of February in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six. The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the