seven hundred and ninety seven (being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ of Habeas Corpus) the Chief Justice, and his Associates, Justices of Worcester County Court, did the Sheriff of the same County in Obedience to the Command therein contained, to wit, the said Sheriff has the body of the said Levin Parsons, and the said Chief Justice, and Associate Justices, certified and transmitted to our General Court, a Record of the proceedings before the said County Court had, containing the cause of the Caption and detention of the said Levin Parsons in the plea aforesaid with all things thereunto relating: And which said Record of Proceedings is in form following, to wit. — "In the Records and Proceedings of Worcester County Court among other matters and things it is contained as follows, to wit. — Worcester County, to wit. At a Court of the State of Maryland held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid, the second Monday of August, to wit, the 14th day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven — Were Present

The Honble John Done Esquire Chief Justice

William Morris & William Purnell } Esquires Associate Justices —

Levin Pollitt Esquire, Shff — John E. Handy, Clerk

M. Kimmy Porter, use &c. } Command was given to the Sheriff of Worcester County that he should take Levin Parsons late of Worcester County Planter, if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and Levin Handy late of Worcester County Merchant, if he should be found in his Bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their Bodies before the Justices of the County Court of Worcester, at a Court by them to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid, the fourth Monday of November in Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven to answer unto M. Kimmy Porter, of a plea that they render unto him the sum of sixty nine pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence Current money of Maryland which to him they owe and unjustly detain &c. — And the same day is given to the aforesaid M. Kimmy Porter here and &c. forth. — At which said fourth Monday of November came the aforesaid M. Kimmy Porter by James R. Stokes Gent. his Atty. and the Sheriff, to wit, Levin Pollitt Gent. now here returned that he has taken the aforesaid Levin Parsons whose body here at this day he hath ready to answer unto the aforesaid M. Kimmy Porter of

Edward Hammond } Against

Levin Parsons & Levin Handy

the plea aforesaid as to the foregoing Writ he was commanded, and as to the said Levin Handy he the said Levin Handy was not within his Bailiwick to be found. Upon which the said M. Kimmy Porter by his Atty. aft. prays that the aft. Levin Parsons and Levin Handy in the plea aforesaid may be severed and that he the said M. Kimmy Porter may have leave to proceed against either of them in this action as if they had been severally sued. Thereupon, by the Court now here it is said that the aforesaid Levin Parsons and Levin Handy in the plea aforesaid of the said M. Kimmy Porter, be severed, and the said M. Kimmy have leave to proceed against either of them the said Levin Parsons and Levin Handy in the action aforesaid to Judgment, and Execution thereon (should it so happen) in as full and ample manner as if they had been severally sued, and for that intent and purpose the said Levin Parsons and Levin Handy in the plaint aforesaid are severed accordingly. Whereupon, on the prayer of the aforesaid M. Kimmy Porter by his Atty. aft. the aft. Levin Parsons is by the Court here ruled and adjudged to give special bail to the action aft. — And now here afterwards came into Court a certain William Richardson of Worcester County before John Done Esq. and his Associates, Justices of the County Court of Worcester, and being in his proper person present, undertook for the said Levin Parsons, that if he the said Levin Parsons should be condemned in this action at the suit of the said M. Kimmy Porter, that he shall then pay and satisfy to the said M. Kimmy Porter the Cost and Condemnation thereon, or render himself to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid in satisfaction thereof, or that he the said William Richardson would do the same for him. — Thereupon the said Levin Parsons puts in his place Thomas Martin Gent. his Atty. at Law against the aforesaid M. Kimmy Porter of the plea aforesaid, upon which at the request of the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid day is to them here given until the next Court, to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid, the second Monday of February then next following in the same State, as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and hereafter. — At which said Second Monday of February came again the parties aft. by their Attornies aft. upon which, at the request of the Parties aft. by their Attornies aft. further day is to them here given until the next Court, to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid, the second Monday of August then next following, in the same State, as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and &c. forth. — At which said second Monday of August, came again the parties aft. by their Attornies aft. upon which the said M. Kimmy Porter complains of the aforesaid Levin Parsons of the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit. — Worcester County, ss. Levin Parsons late of Worcester County, Planter, was summoned to answer unto M. Kimmy Porter