GD. Wm. Nelson Ex^r of Hugh Nelson ---
BHft Wm. Porter -

Command was given to the Sheriffe of Somerset County that he Should take William Porter late of Somerset County Carpenter Otherwise Called William Porter of Somerset County in the province of Maryland Carpenter if he should be found in his Bailywick and him should safekeep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships Coty Court of Somerset to be held at dividing Creek in the Same County the third tuesday of June ~~and Dom~~ One thousand seven hundred and thirty Seven to answer unto William Nelson Executor of the testament and Last Will of Hugh Nelson of a plea that he render unto him One hundred pounds Curr^t money of Maryland which from him he unjustly detaines &c. and the Same day is given to the aforesaid William Nelson here &c.

Att which day here before his Lordships Justices at Court then held at dividing Creek in the same County came the ~~aff~~ William Nelson by George Douglas his attorney and the aff Sheriffe to wit Joseph Manlester Gent. now here returned that he had taken the aforesaid William Porter whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the aff William Nelson of the aff plea as to him it was Commanded — Whereupon at the Same day came here into Court francis Porter of Somerset County planter ~~and~~ in his proper person and undertook for the aff William Porter and assumed upon himself (Likewise the Same William Porter present here in Court in his proper person assumed upon himself) that if it Should happen that Judgm^t in the plea aff should be rendered for the Same William Nelson against him the Said William Porter or that the said William Porter Should be therein Convict that then he the said William Porter should pay and Satisfie unto the said William Nelson the Judgment of the Court thereupon or render his Body in Exonation of Such Judgment to the prison of the Sheriffe of the County aff in Satisfaction thereof or that he the said francis Porter will do the Same for him. — And whereupon the said William Porter puts in his plea francis Allen Gent. attorney at Law against the aff William Nelson in the plea aff

Whereupon at the request of the parties aff day is given to them here to be before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at dividing Creek the third Tuesday of August ~~and Dom~~ One thousand Seven hundred and thirty Seven in the Same State as at present Seeing to the parties &c. — Att which day here came again the parties aff by their attorneys aff and thereupon the Same William Nelson declared against the aff William Porter in form following — Somerset p. William Porter Late of Somerset County Carpenter Otherwise — Called William Porter of Somerset County in the province of Maryland Carpenter was — Summond to answer unto William Nelson Executor of the testament and last will of Hugh — Nelson of a plea that he render unto him one hundred pounds Current money of Maryland — which