**§5525. Form of writ if restraint not by officer**

In cases of imprisonment or restraint of personal liberty by any person not a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, jailer or marshal, deputy marshal or other officer of the courts of the United States, the writ shall be in the following form, viz:

"STATE OF MAINE.

[L.S.] "To the sheriffs of our several counties and their respective deputies,

Greeting.

"We command you, that you take the body of C.D., of ...., imprisoned and restrained of his liberty, as it is said, by A.B., of ...., and have him before our Supreme Judicial" (or Superior) "Court, held at ...., within and for our County of ...., immediately after receipt of this writ, to do and receive what our court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf; and summon the said A.B. then and there to appear before our said court, to show cause for taking and detaining said C.D., and have you there this writ with your doings thereon.

"Witness, .... ...., Esquire, our ...., at ...., this ... day of ...., in the year 19.... ...., Clerk."

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