and thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affiliath its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said William Patten and David Patten, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit, William Patten and David Patten late of Cecil County were summoned to answer unto the said State of Maryland, of a plea that they render unto the said State, the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds current money, which from the said State they unjustly detain, and so forth: And whereupon the said State by Luther Martin Attorney of the said State saith that whereas the aforesaid William Patten and David Patten on the seventeenth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County aforesaid, by their certain writing Obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and sixty pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid William and David (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred and sixty pounds current money to the said State of Maryland have not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused, and still do refuse, whereform the said State saith it is the worse and hath damage to the value of fifty pounds like money aforesaid, and therefore the said State brings suit, and so forth: and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid: sealed with the seal of the aforesaid William and David which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

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and the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said William Patten and David Patten to the Declaration of her the said State of Maryland may answer; whereupon it is ruled by the Court at the prayer of the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid that the said William Patten and David Patten shall answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the State of Maryland by her attorney aff, by Wednesday the twenty fifth of this present month, and it was said to the said William

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William Patten and David Patten that if they should not answer unto the Declaration aforesaid by the time aforesaid Judgment should be rendered against them by default: the same time was given to the said State of Maryland there and so forth: And now here at this time to wit, the twenty fifth day of this present month, cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid, and the said David Patten and William Patten by their attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth: and saith that they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid State of Maryland so as aforesaid against them brought, nor but that they owe to the said State of Maryland the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds current money in manner and form as the aforesaid State of Maryland above against them have declared: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said State of Maryland do recover against the said William Patten and David Patten the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid acknowledged: as also the quantity of six hundred and eighty five pounds of Tobacco, as well for her damages which she hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that debt, as for her costs and charges by them about their suit in this behalf expended unto the same State of Maryland by the Court here with their assent adjudged pro: and the said William Patten and David Patten in mercy pro. — James Earle Clk:

State of Maryland
against
William Currier and
Robert Aiken

Be it remembered, that on the tenth day of January Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and eighty seven, Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County

(that)