L M — The State — against — D M. Jonathan Hudson

Be it Remembered that on the sixth day of March in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and Eighty one —

Command was given to the Sheriff of Baltimore County that he should take Jonathan Hudson late of Baltimore County Gentleman if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday in May next to Answer unto Us of a Plea that he render unto the State of Maryland the full and just sum of Two hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco which to the State he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and that he have then and there that Writ &c.

A Copy of the following short Note was made and sent with the Writ which Issued in the plea aforesaid

The State of Maryland against Jonathan Hudson, security for Joseph Baxter Collector of the public tax in Baltimore Co.ty — Action of Debt. For the Balance of Forty one thousand three hundred and thirty five pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence current Money of Maryland due to the State from the said Joseph Baxter

(L Martin for the State) True Copy pp Tho.s Brooke Hodgkin Cl.

And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of May, being the Eighth day of the same Month Anno Domini 1781. and the day of the Return of the aforegoing Writ comes the said Luther Martin Esquire the States Attorney General who for the said State in this behalf prosecuteth, And the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the aforegoing Writ was directed likewise comes and makes Return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed to wit.

Cepi — Job Garretson Sheff.

And the said Jonathan Hudson by David M.c Mecken his Attorney comes and defends the Force and Injury when and so forth. And the said Luther Martin Esquire the States Attorney General who for the said State in this behalf prosecuteth prays that the said Jonathan Hudson to the Writ and short Note aforesaid may Answer. But the said Jonathan Hudson although solemnly called comes not, but makes default, by which the State of Maryland aforesaid remains against the said Jonathan Hudson thereof undefended —

Therefore it is considered by the Judges here that the State of Maryland aforesaid recover against the said Jonathan Hudson as well the aforesaid Sum of Two hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco the Debt aforesaid as also the Sum of

pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto the State of Maryland aforesaid on their Absent adjudged as well for Damages sustained by means of detaining that Debt as for the Costs and charges by the State of Maryland aforesaid about their Suit in this behalf laid out and expended, And that thereof the State of Maryland aforesaid have Execution &c.

Memorandum the said Luther Martin Esquire the States Attorney General who for the said State in this behalf prosecuteth releases the penalty on payment of the Balance due with Interest and Costs — — — — — — — Test Thomas Brooke Hodgkin Clk.

L M — The State — against — D M. Joseph Baxter

Be it Remembered that on the sixth day of March in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and Eighty one —

Command was given to the Sheriff of Baltimore County that he should take Joseph Baxter late of Baltimore County Gentleman if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his Body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next to Answer unto us of a plea that he render unto the State of Maryland the full and just Sum of One hundred and eighty thousand pounds Current Money which to the State he owes and unjustly detains and so forth And that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his peril, and that he have then and there that Writ &c.

A Copy of the following short Note was made and sent with the Writ which issued in the plea aforesaid

The State of Maryland against Joseph Baxter, Collector of the Public tax in Baltim.re County — — — — — — — Action of Debt. — On his Bond for the Balance of Forty one thousand three hundred and thirty five pounds Nineteen shillings and ten pence current Money of Maryland due from him the said Joseph Baxter to the State

(L Martin for the State) True Copy pp Tho.s Brooke Hodgkin Cl.

And now here at this day, to wit the second Tuesday of May, being the Eighth day of the same Month Anno Domini 1781, and the day of the Return of the aforegoing Writ comes the said Luther Martin Esquire the States Attorney General who for the said State in this behalf prosecuteth, And the Sheriff of Baltimore County to whom the aforegoing Writ was directed likewise comes and makes Return thereof to the Court here thus Endorsed to wit.

Cepie — Job Garretson Sheff.

And the said Joseph Baxter by David M.c Mecken his Attorney comes and defends the Force and Injury when and so forth. And the said Luther Martin Esquire the States Attorney General who for the said State in this behalf prosecuteth prays that the said Joseph Baxter to the Writ and short Note aforesaid may Answer, But the said Joseph Baxter although thereto solemnly called comes not, but makes default, by which the State of Maryland aforesaid remains against the said Joseph Baxter thereof undefended —

Therefore it is considered by the Judges here that the State of Maryland aforesaid recover against the said Joseph Baxter as well the aforesaid Sum of One hundred and eighty thousand pounds current Money the Debt aforesaid as also the Sum of

pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto the State of Maryland aforesaid on their Absent adjudged as well for Damages sustained by means of detaining that Debt as for the Costs and charges by the State of Maryland aforesaid about their Suit in this behalf laid out and expended, And that the State of Maryland aforesaid have thereof Execution &c.

Memorandum the said Luther Martin Esquire the States Attorney General who for the said State in this behalf prosecuteth releases the penalty on payment of the balance due with Interest and Costs — Test. Thomas Brooke Hodgkin Cl.