The State of Maryland acknowledges the receipt of ninety two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence in lieu of three thousand seven hundred and fifteen pounds currency from Charles Ridgely and Benjamin Nicholson on account of James Russell agreable to an act entitled an act for calling out of circulation the quota of this State of the bills of credit issued by Congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government and by the resolves of convention made and passed at a Session of assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the 17.th of October 1780. Given at Annapolis the sixth day of March 1781. Jho.s Harwood, Treasurer W.S.

£29. 16. 6 in lieu of £1192. curr.s Number 40.

The State of Maryland acknowledges the receipt of twenty nine pounds sixteen shillings and six pence in lieu of eleven hundred and ninety three pounds currency from Benjamin Nicholson & Charles Ridgely son of John on account of James Russell agreeable to an act entitled an act for calling out of circulation the quota of their State of the bills of credit issued by congress and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government, and by the resolves of convention made and passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the 17.th of October 1780. Given at Annapolis the sixth day of March 1781.

Jho. Harwood, Treasurer, W.S.

And it is agreed that the said sum of eighty pounds fourteen shillings and four pence is part of the sum for which the said receipts were given.

It is also agreed that the said Russell on the said twenty second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three was a British subject residing in the Kingdom of Great Britain and so continued until his death which happened on the first day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight and that the said Russell never did become a subject of this State or any of the United States of America and that he had not an attorney in fact acknowledging himself as such for the purpose of receiving debts always from the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six until the passing the act of assembly as aforesaid.

That on the twenty eighth day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six a convention of Delegates of Maryland made and entered into the following resolution to wit:

Resolved, unanimously, that the deputies of this colony attending in Congress or a majority of them or any three or more of them be authorized and impowered to concur with the other United colonies or a majority of them in declaring the United Colonies free and independant States.

And that on the fourth day of July in the same year the congress

Congress aforesaid made the following Declaration of the independence of the United States of new Hampshire &c which Declaration follows in these words.

(Here insert the Declaration of Independence, recorded in this book, page 45.)

It is further stated that a war was carried on between the United States of America and the King of Great Britain from the said fourth day of July until the third day of September in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, on which last day and year peace was concluded between the said United States and the said King of Great Britain, that the definitive articles of treaty and peace between the said King of Great Britain and the said United States of America were made on the said third day of September in the year last aforesaid, and that they are as follows.

(Here insert the Treaty of Peace, recorded in this book, page 48.)

It is also stated that the said Charles Ridgely and Benjamin Nicholson on the said fourth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six became citizens and subjects of the State of Maryland and respectively continued citizens and subjects of the said State until their respective deaths and that the said Charles Ridgely departed this life on the first day of June in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine and the said Benjamin Nicholson departed this life on the first day of September in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

It is also stated that the said James Russell died intestate and that letters of administration of the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of the said James at the time of his death have been in due form of law granted to the plaintiff before he impetrated his original writ in this cause.

It is also agreed that the said Charles Ridgely in his lifetime duly made and executed his last will and testament, and thereby appointed the said Rebecca and John Ridgely executors of the same and that they have took upon themselves the execution thereof and obtained letters testamentary thereon anticedent to the said Clerks obtaining his original writ in this cause.

And it is agreed that if on this State of facts the Court shall be of opinion that nothing is due from the Defendants to the Plaintiff then the said Judgment for the Plaintiff is to be struck out and Judgment is to be entered for the Defendants for their costs, and that either party may appeal from the opinion and Judgment of the Court on this State of facts, and have the same benefit of this State of facts in the same manner as could be had if a Jury had been impannelled and sworn in this cause and these facts had appeared in an exception taken at the trial to the opinion of the Court and the Courts direction to the Jury thereon. W. Cooke p. Plff. L. Martin p. Deft.

Whereupon all and singular the premises being seen, and by the Court now here more fully understood and mature deliberation being thereupon had the opinion of the Court now