credit issued by Congress and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the 17th of October 1780. Given at Annapolis the sixth day of March 1781.

Thos. Harwood, Treasurer W.S.

£92. 17. 6. in lieu of £3715. curry

Number 29.

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 agreeable 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 17th of October 1780. Given at Annapolis the sixth day of March 1781.

Thos. Harwood, treasurer W.S.

And it is agreed that the said sum of seventy seven pounds twelve shillings and eleven pence is part of the sum of money mentioned in the said receipts.

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 be authorised and impowered to concur with the other United Colonies or a majority of them in declaring the United Colonies free and independent States.

And that on the fourth day of July in the same year the Congress aforesaid made the following Declaration of the Independence of the States of New Hampshire &c which Declaration follow in these words to wit.

(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

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. And that the said Charles Ridgely in his lifetime duly made and executed his last will and testament and thereby appointed the said Rebecca & John Ridgely executors thereof and that they took upon themselves the execution thereof and obtained letters testamentary thereon before the said Clerke issued out his original writ in this cause.

And it is further agreed that the said Charles Ridgely and Benjamin Nicholson did pay towards the discharge of the money mentioned in the condition of the said Bond the sum of seventy pounds six shillings and six pence sterling money on the eleventh day of March in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy four, And the further sum of one hundred and twenty pounds three shillings like money on the third day of November in the same year.

And it is agreed that if on this State of facts the Court shall be of opinion that nothing is due from the defendant 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 for Plff.

L. Martin for Deft.