State of Maryland for the use of Luther Martin against William Osborn } Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin attorney general for the said State, prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of capias ad respondendum, directed to the Coroners of Harford County, in the words following, to wit. The State of Maryland, &c. To the Coroners of Harford County, Greeting. We command you that you take William Osborn late of Harford County otherwise called William Osborn of Harford County and State of Maryland if he shall be found in your bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that you 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 the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the full sum and Just quantity of two hundred thousand Pounds of good sound Merchantable leaf Tobacco and cashs which he owes to and from the said State unjustly detains and Soforth. Hereof fail not at your Peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness Thomas Johnson, Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court, the 24th day of November anno Domini 1790.

Issued the 17th day of February 1791. (L. Martin) John Gwinn Clk

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the tenth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one and the day of the return of the foregoing writ, comes into the General Court here the said State of Maryland by its attorney General aforesaid, and one of the Coroners of Harford County aforesaid, to wit, Bennet Busey, Gentleman, to whom the said foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit, Cepi – Bennet Busey – Coroner. And the said William Osborn by William Pinkney his attorney, appears in Court here; and thereupon, on motion of the said State of Maryland by its attorney General aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said William Osborn give special bail in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said William Osborn by his attorney aforesaid, files in Court here a certain bail piece, and which being approved of by the Court here, is in form following, to wit,

State of Maryland at the instance and for the use of Luther Martin } You (Harry Gough and Barnard Preston do Jointly and severally acknowledge

acknowledge yourselves special bail for William Osborn at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the said State of Maryland against the said William Osborn in the General Court to May Term 1791. they acknowledge themselves content therewith this 10th day of May 1791. before. – Wm Smithson – Thos Bond.

To the Honourable Judges of the General Court I do hereby empower authorise and appoint William Pinkney Esquire to appear for me in the above suit as Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety one –

Witness. Thos Bond. William Osborn (Seal)

and the said William Osborn by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury, when, and soforth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next and to him it is granted: the same day is given to the said State of Maryland also:

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, to which said day the said William Osborn had leave to imparle, comes again into the General Court here, as well the said State of Maryland by its attorney General aforesaid, as the said William Osborn by his attorney aforesaid: and the said State of Maryland by its attorney General aforesaid declares in Court here against the said William Osborn in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit, State of Maryland, &c. William Osborn late of Harford County otherwise called William Osborn of Harford County and State of Maryland was summoned, to answer unto the State of Maryland, of a plea, that he render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of two hundred thousand pounds of good sound merchantable Tobacco and Cask, which to the said State he owes and unjustly detains and Soforth: And whereupon the said State of Maryland, by Luther Martin its attorney, saith, that whereas the said William on the twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at the County of Harford by his writing obligatory, sealed with the seal of the said William and to the Court now here shewn, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, acknowledge himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid good sound merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cask to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards he should be thereunto requested: Nevertheless the aforesaid William although often requested hath not