State of Maryland against Vachel Stevens	Case Judgment for seven Hundred and seventy nine pounds sixteen shillings and three pence current money and Costs. costs — The Cause of action in this suit accrued prior to the Defendants discharge under the Insolvent Law. Test. John Gwinn Clk.

State of Maryland at the Instance & for the use of James Williams, William Hammond, Lewis Neth & Jonathan Pinkney Junior Trustees of the poor of Anne Arundel County against Martha Howard Exr. of Benjamin Howard.

Be it Remembered that heretofore towit on the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety three, the State of Maryland by Thomas Jennings its attorney sued out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Capias ad respondendum directed to the sheriff of anne arundel county in form following towit.

The State of Maryland &c. To the sheriff of Anne Arundel County Greeting. We command you that you take Martha Howard late of anne arundel county widow executrix of the Testament & last will of Benjamin Howard late of anne arundel county deceased. otherwise called Benjamin Howard of anne arundel county if she shall be found in your bailiwick, and her safekeep so that you have have her 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 she render unto the said State the sum of four Thousand pounds current money which from the said State she unjustly detains and hath. Thereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honourable Samuel Chase Esquire chief judge of our said Court the 25th day of October anno domini 1793.

Issued the 6th day of Novemr. 1793 Jno. Gwinn Clk

And the said State of maryland by its attorney aforesaid on the day of the date of the aforegoing writ declared against the said Martha Howard Executrix of Benjamin Howard in the plea aforesaid in form following towit.

Maryland Anne Arundel County towit.

Martha Howard late of Anne Arundel county widow executrix of the Testament and last will of Benjamin Howard late of anne arundel County deceased otherwise called Benjamin Howard of Anne Arundel County was summoned to answer unto the state of maryland of a plea that she render unto the said State the sum of four Thousand pounds current money which from the said State she unjustly detains and hath. and whereupon the said State by Thomas Jennings its attorney who for the said State in this part prosecuteth (saith)

saith that whereas the aforesaid Benjamin in his lifetime towit on the fifth day February in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety at Anne Arundel county aforesaid by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State in the aforesaid sum of four Thousand pounds current money to be paid unto the said State when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless neither the aforesaid Benjamin in his lifetime nor the aforesaid Martha since the death of him the said Benjamin (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of four Thousand pounds current money or any part thereof to the said State hath not rendered or paid but the same to the said State to render or pay they have altogether refused and the said Martha still doth refuse to the Damage of the said State in the sum of four thousand three hundred pounds current money aforesaid and therefore the said State brings suit and sofath and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Benjamin which the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and sofath.

Thos. Jennings for Plff. pledges &c. Jno Doe & Rd. Roe

(Copy of the Bond)

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Howard, Richard Mills and matthew Beard all of Anne arundel County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of four Thousand pounds current money to be paid to the aforesaid State To the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves, and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly & severally in the whole & for the whole firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this fifth day of February seventeen hundred and ninety.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Benjamin Howard who is appointed collector of the assessments for ann arundel County for the year fourteen hundred and Eighty nine shall well and faithfully execute his office and the General duties required of him by Law and shall well and truly account for and pay to the justices of ann arundel County Court or their order the general sum of money which he shall be answerable for in virtue of said office on or before the twentyth day of September next. and shall in all (things)