their county sufficient to defray such county charges and that the said justices should apportion such assessment or rate according to the last Valuation of property in their county and the person or persons appointed to collect the publick assessment or rate in their county should collect the same and the said state saith that during the continuance of the said Benjamin in his office as Collector of Anne Arundel County aforesaid the justices of Anne Arundel County aforesaid at their august court in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and Eighty nine did impose an assessment or rate of six Hundred pounds real money estimating spanish Milled Dollars at seven shillings and sixpence each for the poor of the said County to be paid to the Trustees of the said Poor to be by the said Benjamin as Collector of the County aforesaid collected and paid to the said Trustees in the year seventeen hundred and ninety according to the form of the act of assembly aforesaid which said sum of six hundred pounds the aforesaid Benjamin after the making the writing obligatory aforesaid and by virtue of the act of Assembly aforesaid and his office of Collector aforesaid did in the year of our Lord seventeen Hundred and ninety at the County aforesaid collect and receive but the same neither the said Benjamin in his lifetime nor the aforesaid Martha since the death of him the said Benjamin (although often thereunto required) hath rendered or paid but the same to them the said Trustees to render or pay they have altogether refused and the said Martha still doth refuse and this the said State is ready to verify wherefore the said State prays Judgment for the Debt aforesaid together with the damages occasioned by the detention of the said Debt to the said State to be adjudged and for ath. And thereupon on motion of the said State of Maryland by its attorney aforesaid. It is ruled by the court here, that the said Martha Howard Executrix as aforesaid rejoin to the replication of the said State of Maryland in the plea aforesaid, or judgment by the court here will be rendered against her in default thereof. And the said Martha Howard Executrix as aforesaid by her attorneys aforesaid (as before) defends the force and injury when and for ath and prays leave of the court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of may next, and then to rejoin to the replication aforesaid of the said State in the plea aforesaid, and to her it is granted the same day is given to the said State of Maryland also.

And Now at this day to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety six come again into the

(general)



general court here as well the said State of Maryland by its attorney aforesaid as the said Martha Howard Executrix as aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid and the said State of Maryland by its attorney aforesaid files in court here the following account. viz.

Dr. Benjamin Howard Esq. Sheriff of Ann Arundel County with the Trustees of the poor — Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1790 Feby | To amt of Assessment levied at August court 1789 for the use of the Trustees of the poor and to be collected by him | £600.0.0 |

Cr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1790 April 24 | By the Trustees order in favr of Dr James Murray | | | 80-0-0 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | James Hunter | 22-10-0 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | Philip Sharar | 16-17-6 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | Sylas Baldwin | 24-5-0 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | Ezr Welch | 1-4-0 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | Ann Gaither | 1-5-9 |
| May 15 | By Ditto | Ditto | Moses McCubbin | 58-15-3½ |
| July 27 | By Ditto | Ditto | Allen Dugan | 5-0-0 |
| Nov. 12 | By Ditto | Ditto | B T B Worthington | 8-6-3¾ |
| 1791 Feby 7 | By Ditto | Ditto | John Wells | 39-4-0 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | Sal Hunter | 1-10-0 |
| April 5 | By Ditto | Ditto | John Randall | 12-11-11 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | John Weems | 24-15-9 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | Burrah Maybury | 0-17-6 |
| " | By Ditto | Ditto | William Hammond | 24-4-4 |
| " | By Balance due Trustees of the poor | | | 277-10-7¾ |
| | | | | £600-0-0 |

To Balance due Trustees as pr. Contra 277-10-7¾

To Interest on ditto from 1st Novr 1790 agreeable to Law ...

and the said Martha Howard Executrix of Benjamin Howard by her attorney aforesaid relinquishing the averment aforesaid by her pretended faith that she cannot deny the said action of the said State of Maryland nor but that she the said Martha Howard Executrix as aforesaid detains from the said State of Maryland the said sum of Four Thousand pounds current money, in manner and form as the said State of Maryland above thereof complains; Therefore it is considered by the court here, that the said State of Maryland recover against the said Martha Howard Executrix of Benjamin Howard, as well the sum of Four Thousand pounds current money the Debt aforesaid, as the quantity of seven hundred and nineteen pounds of Tobacco for its Damages which it hath sustained, as well by Occasion of the detention of the said Debt, as for its costs and Charges by it about its suit in this behalf laid out and expended, to be levied of the goods and Chattels which were of the said Benjamin Howard at the time of his death in the hands of the said Martha Howard remained to be administered if so

(much)