one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, The State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State sued out its writ of Capias ad respondendum to the Sheriff of Cecil County the tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Cecil County, Greeting: We command you to take Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson late of Cecil County, otherwise called Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson if they shall be found in your bailiwick and them safe keep so that you have their bodies before the Judges of our next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of April next to answer unto the said State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State the sum of One hundred and twenty five pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain and so forth: Hereof fail not at your Peril, and have you then and there this writ: Witness the honorable Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire, Chief Judge of our said Court this sixth day of October Anno Domini 1786.

Issued the 4th day of January 1787. Test James Earle Clk.

And now here at this day to wit, the said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, cometh the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State and Archibald Job the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to whom Court here maketh return that by virtue of the writ aforesaid to him directed he had taken the Bodys of the said Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ — And the said Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson by Aquila Hall their Attorney come here into Court, thereupon the said Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon the said Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson files in Court here the following Bail Piece, to wit: State against Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson, Now John Moody and William Mitchell acknowledge

(themselves)

themselves special Bail for the said Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action brought by the said State against Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson in the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 2d day of August 1787.

Tobias Rudulph Jr.
Jos. Gilpin

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court: Power to Aquila Hall Esq. to appear for us and defend the above suit.

Samuel Rutter

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, filleth its Declaration, in the plea aforesaid against the said Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, Samuel Rutter and Jacob Johnson were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds current money which to the said State they owe and unjustly detain and so forth. And whereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State saith that whereas the aforesaid Rutter and Johnson on the fourth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County aforesaid, by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Rutter and Johnson (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of one hundred and twenty five pounds current money to the said State of Maryland have not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State to render or pay they have altogether refused, and still doth refuse, wherefore the said State saith it is the worse and hath damage to the value of one hundred pounds like money aforesaid, and therefore the said State brings suit, and so forth. And brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid: Sealed with the seal of the aforesaid

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