directed he had taken the Body's of the said Richard Abram and John Thompson and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ. — And the said Richard Abram and John Thompson by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said Richard Abram and John Thompson at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give Special Bail in the plea aforesaid: and thereupon the said Richard Abram and John Thompson file here in Court the following Bail-Piece, to wit: The State against Richard Abram and John Thompson: YOU William Corbett and Samuel Gilpin acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Richard Abram and John Thompson at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action brought by the said State against the said Richard Abram and John Thompson in the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 8th day of March 1787. Witness Jeremh. Baker

To the Honble the Judges of the General Court. Nat. Ramsey

We empower Aquila Hall Esq to appear for us and defend this suit.

Richard Abram

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State affirmeth its Declaration, in the plea aforesaid, against the said Richard Abram and John Thompson, the tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, Richard Abram and John Thompson were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that that they render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of seventy eight pounds current money, which to the said State they owe and unjustly detain, and so forth: And whereupon the said State by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State saith that whereas the aforesaid Richard and John on the tenth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County aforesaid, by their certain writing obligatory

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acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of seventy eight pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard and John (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of seventy eight pounds current money to the said State of Maryland have not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State hitherto to render or pay they have altogether refused, and still do 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 Richard and John which the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

L. Martin for the Plff. Pledges (ccs. John Doe and Richard Roe) —

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Richard Abram and John Thompson to the Declaration of her the said State of Maryland may answer; whereupon it is ruled by the Court at the prayer of the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid that the said Richard Abram and John Thompson should answer to the declaration aforesaid of the State of Maryland by Wednesday the twenty fifth of this present month and it is said to the said Richard Abram and John Thompson that if they should not answer unto the Declaration aforesaid by the time aforesaid Judgment should be rendered against them by default: the same time was given to the said State of Maryland there, and so forth: And now here at this time, to wit, the twenty fifth day of this present month; cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid, and the aforesaid Richard Abram and John Thompson by their Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and so forth: and saith that they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid State of Maryland, so as aforesaid

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