against them brought, now but that they owe to the said State of Maryland the sum of seventy eight pounds current money in manner and form as the aforesaid State of Maryland above against them have declared: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said State of Maryland do recover against the said Richard Abram & John Thompson the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged: as also the quantity of six hundred and eighty five pounds of Tobacco as well for her damages which she hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that debt, as for her costs and charges by them about their suit in this behalf expended unto the same State of Maryland by the Court here with their assent adjudged &c: and the said Richard Abram and John Thompson in mercy &c. — Test James Earle Clk.

The State of Maryland
against
Stephen Nowell and
Nathaniel Ramsey.

Be it remembered that on the fourth day of January Anno Domini 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 the following words, towit The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Cecil County Greeting: we command you to take Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey late of Cecil County otherwise called Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey, 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 eighty six pounds current (money)

money which from the said State the unjustly detain and so forth: Thereof 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 the sixth day of October Anno Domini 1786.

Issued the 4th day of January 1787. Lw. 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 Hill the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to the Court here maketh return that by virtue of the writ to him directed he had taken the body of the said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ. — and the said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special bail in the plea aforesaid; and thereupon the said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey file into Court here the following Bail-Piece; towit: The State against Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey: NOW Richard Nowel and John Talson acknowledge yourselves special bail for the said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action brought by the said State of Maryland — against the said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey in the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be held and firmly this 31 day of March 1787.

Before Ser: Baker
Nat: Ramsey

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court: we do impower Aquila Hall Esq to appear for us and defend this Suit.

Stephen Nowell

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affileth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the (said)