said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey the tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, Stephen Nowell & Nathaniel Ramsey were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of eighty six 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 Stephen and Nathaniel Ramsey on the tenth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County, aforesaid, by their certain obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of eighty six pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Stephen and Nathaniel (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of eighty six pounds 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 hereinto Court the writing obligatory aforesaid: sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Stephen and Nathaniel which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth.

L. Martin for the Pltff. pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe and the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey 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

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attorney aforesaid that the said Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey 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 Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey 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, towit, the twenty fifth day of this present month; cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid, and the aforesaid Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey by their attorneys 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 against them brought, nor but that they owe to the said State of Maryland the sum of eighty six 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 Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey the Debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged: as also the quantity of sixty seven pounds eight five pounds of Tobacco as well for her damages which she hath sustained by occasion of the detention of that debt, as for her cost 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 Stephen Nowel and Nathaniel Ramsey in mercy &c.

Test James Earle Clk.

State of Maryland
against
John Thompson and
Richard Abraham

Be it remembered that on the fourth day of January Anno Dominii, 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 the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Cecil County Greeting: We command you to take John Thompson and Richard Abram late of Cecil County, otherwise called John Thompson and Richard Abraham, 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 two hundred and ten pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain and so forth: Fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ: Witness the Honble Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire; Chief Judge of our said Court