the sixth day of October Anno Dominii 1786

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

And now here at this day, to wit, the said Second Tuesday of April Anno Dominii, 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 the Court here maketh return that by virtue of the writ to him directed he had taken the body's of the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ -- And the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special-bail in the plea aforesaid: Thereupon the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham file here into Court the following Bail-Piece, to wit: State of Maryland against John Thompson and Richard Abraham: YOU William Corbett and Richard Abraham acknowledge yourselves special-Bail for the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action brought by said State against the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham in the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 8th day of March 1787. before us. Jeremh Baker

Nat Ramsey

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court, we impower Aquila Hall Esqr to appear for us and defend this suit. — John Thomson

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State exhibiteth its Declaration against the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, John Thompson and Richard Abraham were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of two hundred and ten 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 John and Richard on the tenth day of June in the year seven-teen 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 two hundred and ten pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and ten pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid John and Richard (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred and ten 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, L Martin for the Pltff. Pledges and so forth. John Doe and Richard Roe and the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham 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 John Thompson and Richard Abraham 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 John Thompson and Richard Abraham 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 John Thompson and Richard Abraham 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 against them brought, nor but that they owe to the said State of Maryland the sum of two hundred and ten 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 John Thompson and Richard Abraham 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 herewith their assent adjudged &c: and the said John Thompson and Richard Abraham in mercy

Test James Earle Clk

The State of Maryland
against
Henry Hollingsworth &
Edward Mitchell

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