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 Henry Hollingsworth and Edward Mitchell late of Cecil County, otherwise called Henry Hollingsworth and David Mitchell, 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 thirty pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain &c. &c. 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 fourth day of January 1787. Lm . Samds Earle Clk.

And now here at this day, court, the said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred hundred and eighty seven, cometh the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State and Archibald Job 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 Henry Hollingsworth and Edward Mitchell and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ. And the said Henry Hollingsworth & Edward Mitchell by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said Henry Hollingsworth and Edward Mitchell at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said Henry Hollingsworth and Edward Mitchell file in to Court here the following Bail-Piece, court:

The State of Maryland
against
Henry Hollingsworth
Edward Mitchell

Now Samuel Hewett and George Johnson do acknowledge (yourselves)

yourselves Special Bail for the said Henry Hollingsworth and Edward Mitchell at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action brought by the State against the said Henry Hollingsworth and Edward Mitchell in the General Court you acknowledge yourselves content therewith this 2d day of April 1787.

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court. Sam.l Gilpin

We constitute Aquila Hall to appear for us and defend this suit. } Tobias Rudolph Jr.

H Hollingsworth

And whereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affileth its Declaration, in the plea aforesaid against the said Henry Hollingsworth and Edward Mitchell, Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County to wit, Henry Hollingsworth and Henry Mitchell 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 thirty 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 Hollingsworth and Mitchell on the tenth 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 two hundred and thirty pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Hollingsworth and Mitchell (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred and thirty 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 Hollingsworth and Mitchell