State of Maryland
against
John Green and
John Crookshanks

Be it remembered that on the fifth 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 in the following words; to wit: The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Cecil County Greeting: we command you to summon Green and John Crookshanks, late of Cecil County, otherwise called John Green and John Crookshanks, 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 day of April next, to answer unto the said State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State the sum of One hundred and thirty six pounds current money which from the said State State of Maryland they unjustly detain and so forth: Now if 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 5th day of January 1787. Lon. 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 Job the Sheriff of the County aforesaid to the Court here maketh return thereof to the Court here that he had taken the Bodies of the said John Green and John Crookshanks and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ. — And the said John Green and John Crookshanks by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said John Green and John Crookshanks at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said John Green and John Crookshanks file into Court here the following Bail = Piece, to wit:

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Now Samuel Gilpin and John McKim acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the aforesaid John Green and John Crookshanks at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action begun by said State against John Green and John Crookshanks at the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 31st day of March 1787. Jeremiah Baker
Nat Ramsey

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court: Power to Aquila Hall Esq to appear for us and defend this suit . . .
John Green

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 John Green and John Crookshanks, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words; to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, John Green and John Crookshanks were summoned to answer unto the state of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the State the sum of One hundred and thirty 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 of the said State saith that whereas the aforesaid Green and Crookshanks on the eleventh 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 and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of One hundred and thirty six pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Green and Crookshanks (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum