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 of the writ to him directed he hath taken the Bodies of the said George Hedrick and Edward Justice and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ... and the said George Hedrick and Edward Justice by Aquila Hall their Attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said George Hedrick and Edward Justice at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said George Hedrick and Edward Justice file into Court here the following Bail-piece to wit:

State of Maryland against George Hedrick & Edward Justice } Now John Boon and James Hunter do acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said George Hedrick and Edward Justice at the suit of the said State against the said George Hedrick and Edward Justice in 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 the above suit }

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 George Hedrick and Edward Justice, the tenor whereof ensues in the following words; to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, George Hedrick and Edward Justice were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State the sum of two hundred and forty pounds current money, which to the said State they unjustly detain, and so forth:

And whereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin the said State's Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid George and Edward on the eleventh day of June in (the)

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 in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and forty pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterward they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid George and Edward (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred and forty 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 fifty 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 George & Edward which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

L Martin for the Plaintiff. Pledges p.r John Doe and Richard Roe.

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said George Hedrick and Edward Justice 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 George Hedrick and Edward Justice 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 George Hedrick and Edward Justice 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 George Hedrick and Edward Justice by their Attorney aforesaid, defend the force and (injury)