unto the said State the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds cur:
:rent 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
Abner Kirk and Thomas Slicer 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 firmly bound unto the said State in the aforesaid sum
of one hundred and eighty pounds like money, to be paid to the
said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required:
Nevertheless the aforesaid Abner and John (although often thereunto required)
the aforesaid sum of one hundred and eighty 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 Abner
and John which the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth,
the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. ——
L. Martin for the Plaintiff. Pledges &c. John Doe & Rich. Roe
And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth
that the said Abner Kirk and John Slicer 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 Mary:
:land by her Attorney aforesaid that the said Abner Kirk and
John Slicer 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 Abner Kirk and
John Slicer that if they should not answer unto the Declaration
aforesaid by the time aforesaid Judgment should be rendered
against them by default: the time was given to the said
(State)



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 Abner
Kirk and John Slicer 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 one hundred and eighty 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 Abner
Kirk and John Slicer the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid acknow:
:ledged: 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 and
the same State of Maryland by the Court here with them
assent adjudged &c. And the said Abner Kirk and John Slicer
in mercy &c. —— Test James Earle Clk

State of Maryland
against
John Slicer and
David Smith

Be it remembered that on the fifth day
of January Anno Domini, One thousand seven
hundred and eighty seven, the State of Mary:
:land 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 take
John Slicer and David Smith late of Cecil County, otherwise
called John Slicer and David Smith, 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 holden for the
(Eastern)