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 one hundred and thirty six pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain and so forth: 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 Dominie 1786.

Issued the 5th day of January 1787. Lm. James Earle Clk

And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April Anno Dominii, One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, the Comalth the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State and Archibald Job the Sheriff of the County afsd, to the Court here maketh return that by virtue of the writ afsd, to him directed he had taken the bodys of the said John Slicer and David Smith and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ. and the said John Slicer and David Smith by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said John Slicer and David Smith at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are adjudged to give Special-Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said John Slicer and David Smith file into Court here the following Bail-Piece; to wit:

The State of Maryland against John Slicer and David Smith. } YOU John Cather and William Johnson acknowledge yourselves to be held a Bail for the said John Slicer and David Smith at the Suit of the State of Maryland in an Action of Debt brought by said State agt. John Slicer and David Smith at the General Court they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 31st day of March 1787.

Jeremiah Baker
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To the honorable the Judges of the General Court.

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affiliath its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said John Slicer and David Smith, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, John Slicer and David Smith were summoned to answer unto the 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 to the said State they owe and unjustly detain, and so forth: and whereupon the said Luther Martin the said States attorney saith that whereas the afore:said John and David on the eleventh day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County aforesaid, by their certain writing writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held 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 John and David (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of one hundred and thirty six 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 afore:said: Sealed with the seal of the aforesaid John and David 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 vis. John Doe and Richard Roe

And the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said John Slicer and David Smith to the Declaration of her the said State of Maryland may answer; whereupon it is prayed by the Court at the prayer of the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid that the said John Slicer and David Smith shall

(answer)