Since they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this fourth day of April Anno Dominii 1787. Jeremh. Baker

To the honorable Judges of the General Court. Nat Ramsey

We do hereby constitute and appoint Aquila Hall our Attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit. Edward Alexander

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 Edward Alexander and William Stevenson the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit Edward Alexander and William Stevenson were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of Seventy nine pounds current money, which to the said State they owe and unjustly detain and so forth: And whereupon the said State by Luther Martin the said States Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Edward and William, 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 of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of seventy nine pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Edward and William (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of seventy nine 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 Edward and William which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth. — L Martin Attorney for State pledges J. Doe R. Roe

And the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Edward Alexander and William Stevenson 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 Edward Alexander and William Stevenson 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 Edward Alexander and William Stevenson that if they shall 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 Edward Alexander and William Stevenson 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 seventy nine 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 Edward Alexander and William Stevenson the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged: 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 unto the same State of Maryland by the Court here with their assent adjudged per: And the said Edward Alexander and William Stevenson in mercy

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