The State of Maryland
against
William Stevenson and
Edwd. Alexander

Be it remembered that on the fifth day 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; towit: The State of Maryland To the Sheriff of Cecil County, Greeting: We command you to take William Stevenson and Edward Alexander, otherwise called William Stevenson and Edward Alexander, if they shall be found in your Bailiwick and them safe keep so that you have their bodies before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State at Talbot County Court 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 Forty one pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain and so forth: Hereof 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. Test 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 that by virtue of the writ to him directed, he had taken the body's of the said William Stevenson and Edward Alexander and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ — And the said William Stevenson and Edward Alexander by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said William Stevenson and Edward Alexander at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail

Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said William Stevenson and Edward Alexander file into Court here the following Bail: Piece, towit: The State of Maryland against William Stevenson and Edward Alexander: WE John Barnaby and Thomas Williams do acknowledge ourselves special: Bail for the said William Stevenson and Edward Alexander at the suit of the suit of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said William Stephenson and Edward Alexander in the General Court of Eastern Shore; they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 4th day of April 1787. Jnem. Baker
Nat Ramsey

To the Honorable Justices of the General Court.

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

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, exhibiteth its Declaration, in the plea aforesaid against the said William Stephenson and Edward Alexander, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words; towit: Maryland, Cecil County, to wit, William Stephenson and Edward Alexander were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State the sum of forty one 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 William and Edward 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 forty one pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid William and Edward (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of forty one 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