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 ninety 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 John Kirkpatrick and Philip Coale 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 Cost 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 to be: and the said John Kirkpatrick and Philip Coale in mercy &c.

Test James Earle Clk

The State of Maryland
against
Thomas Williams and
Robert Williams.

Be it remembered that on the fifth day of 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, to wit: The State of Maryland, to the Sheriff of Cecil County, Greeting We command you to take Thomas Williams and Robert Williams late of Cecil County, otherwise called Thomas Williams and Robert Williams, 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 held for the Eastern 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 of Maryland of a plea that they render

(unto)

unto the said State the sum of five hundred and thirty eight pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain and so forth:

Hand 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 Domini 1786.

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

And now here at this day, to wit, the 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 of the said Thomas Williams and Robert Williams and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ. — And the said Thomas Williams and Robert Williams by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said Thomas Williams and Robert Williams at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said Thomas Williams and Robert Williams file here into Court the following bail-piece, to wit: The State of Maryland against Thomas Williams and Robert Williams: we John McCameron and Thomas McLeary do acknowledge ourselves Special Bail for the said Thomas Williams and Robert Williams at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said Thomas Williams and Robert Williams in the General Court of the Eastern Shore: they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 4th day of April 1787. Jeremh Baker Nath Ramsey

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

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

Thomas Williams

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin (attorney)