State of Maryland
against
John Jack and
James Jack

Be it remembered that on the fifth day of October Anno Dominii, 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 John Jack and James Jack, late of Cecil County, if they shall be found in your Bailiwick and them safe keep so that you have their bodies before the Judges of our said 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 the sum of ninety four pounds five shillings 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 this seventh day of October Anno Dominii 1786.

Issued the 5th day of January 1787. Lks. James Carlo Clk.

And now here at this day, towit, the said second Tuesday of April Anno Dominii, 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 John Jack and James Jack and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ -- and the said John Jack and James Jack by Aquila Hall their Attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said John Jack and James Jack at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said John Jack and James Jack file here into Court the following bail piece, towit: The State of Maryland against John Jack and James Jack: YOU Richard Hedrick and John Cameron ([illegible])

acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said John Jack and James Jack at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the said State against the said John Jack & James Jack in the General Court of the Eastern Shore, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 4th day of April 1787 before us Jeremiah Baker

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court. Nat Ramsey

We do hereby constitute and appoint Aquila Hall Esq. our Attorney to appear for us and defend this suit. John Jack

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 John Jack and James Jack the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words; towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit, John Jack and James Jack of Cecil County were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State the sum of ninety four pounds five shillings current 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 John and James on the thirteenth 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 ninety four pounds five shillings current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid John and James (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of ninety four pounds five shillings 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 John and James which the Debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

L Martin for the Plff. Pledges &c. John Doe and Richard Roe.