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 writ to him directed he had taken the bodies of the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ. — And the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks by Aquilla Hall their Attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail, in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks file in Court here, the following Bail-piece, towit: State of Maryland against the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks: You Thomas Rogers and Micajah Churchman do hereby acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks in the General Court of the Eastern Shore they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 23d day of March 1787. —

To the Worshipfull the Judges of the General Court. Michael Wallace
Patrick Ewing

We do hereby constitute and appoint Aquilla Hall our Attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit
Hezekiah Rowles.

Thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affileth its Declaration, in the plea aforesaid against Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County towit, Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks 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 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 Attorney General of the said State saith that whereas the aforesaid Hezekiah and John on the fourteenth 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

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in the aforesaid sum of ninety one pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Hezekiah and John (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of ninety 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 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 Hezekiah and John which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. Lettartin for Plaintiff. Pledges pr John Doe and Richd Roe. And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks 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 Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks should answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the State of Maryland by Wednesday the twenty fifth day of this present month and it is said to the said Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks that if they should 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, towit, the twenty fifth of this present month; cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid, and the aforesaid Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks 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 ninety one 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 Hezekiah Rowles and John Crookshanks 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

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