and eighty seven, cometh the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, and 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 Richardson and the same hath ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said John Richardson by Aquilla Hall his Attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said John Richardson at the prayer of the said State of Maryland is ruled to give special-Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said John Richardson files in Court here, the following Bail-piece, towit: State of Maryland against John Richardson: YOU Thomas Warren and Nathan Parker do acknowledge yourselves special-Bail for John Richardson at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt, brought by the State against the said John Richardson in the General Court of the Eastern Shore they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 27. day of March 1787. Elihu Hall

To the honorable the Judges of the Genl. Court. Patrick Ewing

We do appoint and constitute Aquilla Hall Esq. our Attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit.— John Richardson

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State affileth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said John Richardson, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit: John Richardson late of Cecil County was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of one hundred and forty six pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detains and so forth: And whereupon the said State by Luther Martin the said States Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid John Richardson on the fourteenth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State in the aforesaid sum of one hundred and forty six pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards he should be thereunto required: Nevertheless

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the aforesaid Thomas Richardson (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of one hundred and forty six 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 he hath altogether refused, and still doth 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 Richardson which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth.—

L. Martin for the Plaintiff. Pledges and so forth. John Doe and Richard Roe

And the said State State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said John Richardson to the Declaration in this 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 John Richardson 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 John Richardson that if he should not answer unto the Declaration aforesaid by the time aforesaid Judgment should should be rendered against him 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 John Richardson by his Attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth: And saith that he cannot gainsay the action aforesaid of the aforesaid State of Maryland so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that he owes to the said State of Maryland the sum of one hundred and forty six pounds current money, in manner and form as the aforesaid State of Maryland above against him hath declared: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said State of Maryland do recover against the said John Richardson 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 him about his suit in this behalf expended unto the

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