the said Roger Kirk and Abner Kirk 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 Roger Kirk and Abner Kirk 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 Roger Kirk and Abner Kirk that if they should not 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 to wit, the twenty fifth day of this present month; cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid, and the aforesaid Roger Kirk and Abner Kirk 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 two hundred and fifty five 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 Roger Kirk and Abner Kirk 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 them about their suit in this behalf expended unto the same State of Maryland by the Court here with their assent adjudged &c: and the said Abner Kirk and Roger Kirk in mercy &c.

James Earle Clk:

State of Maryland
against
William Steele and
Alexander Wilson

Be it remembered that on the eighth day of January Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take William Steele and Alexander Wilson late of Cecil County, if they shall be found in his bailiwick, and them safe keep so that he might have their body's before the Judges of the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this 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 sixty three pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain and so forth: and that thereof he the said Sheriff should not fail at his Peril, and that he should have then and there that writ &c.

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 bodies of the said William Steele and Alexander Wilson and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said William Steele and Alexander Wilson by Aquilla Hall their Attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said William Steele and Alexander Wilson at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special-Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said William Steele and Alexander Wilson file in Court here the following Bail-piece, to wit: State of Maryland against William Steele and Alexander Wilson: We William Price and John Scott do acknowledge ourselves special-Bail for the said William Steele and Alexander Wilson at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action brought by the said State of Maryland against William Steele and Alexander Wilson in the General Court they acknowledge themselves