Richardson file in Court here the following Bail-Piece, towit.

State of Maryland against Nathan Baker and John Richardson

Now Elisha Sidwell and Thomas Warren do acknowledge yourselves special-Bail, for the said Nathan Baker and John Richardson at the Suit of the State of Maryland in an action in Debt brought by the State against the said Nathan Baker and John Richardson in the General Court of the Eastern Shore they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 27. day of March 1787.

Elisha Hall
Patrick Ewing

To the honorable Judges of the Eastern Shore . . . . .

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

And thereupon the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affileth its Declaration in Plea of against the said Nathan Baker and John Richardson, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, Nathan Baker and John Richardson late 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 seventy five 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 Baker and Richardson on the fifteenth day of June in the year fourteen 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 seventy five pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Baker and Richardson (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of seventy five 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

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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 Baker and Richardson which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

L. Martin ~~pl~~ pledges for John Doe and Richard Roe

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Nathan Baker and John Richardson 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 Nathan Baker and 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 Nathan Baker and John Richardson 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, towit, the twenty fifth day of this present month, cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her 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 seventy 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 Nathan Baker and 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 them about their suit in this behalf expended unto the same State of Maryland by the

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