pendered 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 said Thomas Pallen and Joseph Nesbit by their Attorneys 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 One hundred and thirty seven 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 State of Maryland do recover against the said Thomas Pallen and Joseph Nesbitt 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 Thomas Pallen and Joseph Nesbitt in mercy &c. —

James Earle Clk.

The State of Maryland against Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk

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 Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk late of Cecil County if they shall be found in his bailiwick, and them safe keep, so that he might have their bodies before the Judges of the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of the said State at Talbot County Court House the second Tuesday of April One next, to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of One hundred and fifty three pounds current

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money which to the said State they owe and 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 Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk by Aquilla Hall their Attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are asked to give special = Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk file in Court here the following Bail = Piece, to wit:

State of Maryland against Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk } Now Samuel Gilpin and Richard Oldham do acknowledge yourselves special = Bail for the said Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk, at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State, against the said Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk, in the General Court of the Eastern Shore; they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 23d. day of March 1787.

To the Worshipful the Judges of the General Court.

Samd. Miller
Patrick Ewing

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

Eli Kirk

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 Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: State of Maryland Cecil County, to wit, Eli Kirk and Roger Kirk, late of Cecil County, were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of One hundred and fifty three pounds current money, which to the said State they owe and unjustly detain and so forth: And whereupon the said State of Maryland

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