Court here maketh return that by virtue of the writ to him directed he had taken the bodies of the said Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris by Aquilla Hall their attorney come here into Court: thereupon the said Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris ~~filed~~ ~~imparlance~~ ~~bond~~ & at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: thereupon the said Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris file in Court here the following Bail-piece, towit:

State of Maryland against Richard Griffith & Nathan Harris

You Israel Reynolds and Ely Kirk do acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris, at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris in the General Court of the Eastern Shore, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 27. day of March 1787.

To the worshipfull the Judges of the General Court. . . . } Eliha Hall, Patrick Ewing

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

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 Richard Griffith and Nathan ~~Griff~~ Harris, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit, Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris late of Cecil County were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of fifteen pounds current money which to the said State they owe and unjustly detain and soforth: and whereupon the said State by Luther Martin the said State's Attorney saith, that whereas the aforesaid Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris on the sixteenth day of June in the year fourteen hundred and eighty five at the County (aforesaid)

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 fifteen hundred pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard and Nathan (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of fifteen pounds current money, to the said State of Maryland have not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State hitherto to render & 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 soforth: and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid: sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Richard and Nathan which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and soforth.

L Martin Atty. Pltff. pledges soforth John Doe Richard Roe.

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris 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 Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris 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 Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris 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 then, and soforth: 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, and the afs. Richard Griffith and Nathan Harris by their Attorney Attorney, afs. defends the force and injury when and soforth: and saith that they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid State of Maryland so as against (against)