firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of One hundred and fifty four pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid John and Edward (although thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of One hundred and fifty four pounds current money to the said State of Maryland have not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State hitherto altogether hath 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 John and Edward which the debt aforesaid, in form afd. witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

L. Martin for the Plff. Pledges &c. forth. — John Doe and Richard Roe

and the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said John Ryan and Edward Jackson 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 John Ryan and Edward Jackson 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 Ryan and Edward Jackson 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 ~~day~~ time, to wit, the twenty fifth of this present month, cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her Attorney afd. demands and the afd. John Ryan and Edward Jackson 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 One hundred and fifty four pounds current money

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in manner and form as the aforesaid State of Maryland above against them ~~[illegible]~~ have declared: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said State of Maryland do recover against the said John Ryly and Edward Jackson 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 John Ryley and Edward Jackson in mercy &c.

James Kent Clk:

State of Maryland
against
John Boreling and
George Rudd

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 John Boreling and George Rudd late of Cecil County if they shall be found in his bailiwick and them safekeep, so that he might have their bodies before the Judges of the next General Court to be held at Talbot County Court House the second Tuesday of April next, to answer unto the said State of Maryland &c. &c. so that they render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of two hundred and ninety pounds current money which to the said State of Maryland they owe and unjustly detain and so forth: and that Mean of 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 John Boreling and George Rudd and the same has ready according to

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