Court House the second Tuesday of April next, to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea, that they render unto the said State the sum of twenty six 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 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 same writ to him directed he had taken the bodies of the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey by Aquilla Hall their Attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special = Bail in the Plea aforesd: Thereupon the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey file in Court here the following Bail = Piece, to wit,

State of Maryland against Thomas Scott & Charles Ramsey } You Samuel Hill and Joseph Tanner do acknowledge yourselves special = Bail for the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey at the suit of the State of Maryland in an of debt brought by the said State against the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey, in the General Court of the Eastern Shore; they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 23d day of March 1787.

To the Judges of the General Court

Saml. Miller
Patrick Ewing

We do hereby appoint and constitute Aquilla Hall Esqr our attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit. –

Thomas Scott

and thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin attorney General of the said State affileth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey 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 twenty six pounds current money which to the said State of Maryland they owe and unjustly detain and so forth: and whereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin its Attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid Thomas and Charles on the seventeenth day of June in the year seventeen 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 twenty six pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Thomas and Charles (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of twenty six 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 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 Thomas and Charles which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid. L. Martin for the Plaintiff Pledges &c. John Doe and Richd. Roe.

And the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin her Attorney &c. prayeth that the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey 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 aforesd that the said Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey 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 Thomas Scott and Charles Ramsey

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