against the said Joseph Tanner and Samuel Hill, the Tenor whereof answer in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, Joseph Tanner and Samuel late of Cecil County, were summoned to answer unto the said State of Maryland of a plea, that they render unto the said State the sum of One hundred and eighteen pounds, ten shillings current money, which from the said State they unjustly detain and so forth: And whereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, saith, that whereas the aforesaid Joseph and Samuel on the seventeen day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five at the County aforesaid, by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged them: selves to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of One Hundred and eighteen pounds ten shillings current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph and Samuel (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of One hundred and eighteen pounds ten shillings 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 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 obli: gatory aforesaid: sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Joseph and Samuel which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

L Martin for the Plaintiff. Pledges p. John Doe & Richd Roe —

And the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Joseph Tanner and Samuel Hill 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

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by her attorney aforesaid that the said Joseph Tanner and Samuel Hill should an: swer unto the Declaration aforesaid of the State of Maryland by Wednesday the twenty fifth of this present month and it is said to the said Joseph Tanner and Samuel Hill that if they should not answer unto the Declaration aforesaid by the time afs: 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 to wit, the twenty fifth day of this present month; cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid, and the aforesaid Joseph Tanner and Samuel Hill 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 him brought, nor but that they owe to the said State of Maryland the sum of One hundred and eighteen pounds, ten shillings, current money, in manner and form as the said State of Maryland above against them have declared: Wherefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said State of Maryland do recover against the said Joseph Tanner and Samuel Hill the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid acknow: ledged: as also the quantity of six hundred and eighty six 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 her about her suit in this behalf expended unto the same State of Maryland by the Court here with their assent adjudged ppt: and the said Joseph Tanner and Samuel Hill in mercy &c.

James Earle Clk:

State of Maryland
against
Charles Ramsey and
Joseph Tanner

Be it remembered that on the ninth day of January Anno domini, One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, Command was given to the Sheriff 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 this State at Talbot County Court House, the second Tuesday of April next, to answer unto the State of Maryland of