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 probath return that virtue of the same writ to him directed he had taken the bodies of the same William Price and John Scott and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said William Price and John Scott by Aquilla Hall their Attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said William Price and John Scott at the prayer of the said ~~William~~ ~~William~~ ~~John~~ State of Maryland are ruled to give special: Bail in the plea aforesaid: Thereupon the said William Price and John Scott file in Court here, the following Bail-Piece, towit:

State of Maryland against William Price & John Scott .....

You William Slub and Alexander Willson acknowledge yourselves special-Bail for William Price and John Scott at the suit of the State of Maryland, in an action brought by the said State against the said William Price and John Scott in the General Court of the Eastern Shore; they acknowledge themselves content therewith this 27. day of April 1787.

Tobias Rudulph
Jas. Gilpin

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court.

We do hereby nominate and appoint Aquilla Hall Esq. to appear for us and defend this Cause.

Wm. Price.

and the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affileth in Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said William Price and John Scott, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit: William Price and John Scott 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, five shillings, current money, which from the said State, they unjustly detain, and so forth: And whereupon the said State by Luther Martin Attorney of the said State

State, saith that whereas the aforesaid William and John 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 five shillings current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid William and John (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Twenty six pounds five shillings current money to the said State of Maryland have not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State of Maryland 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 William and John which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, and so forth.

L. Martin for the Plaintiff. Pledges and so forth.- John Doe & Richard Roe

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said William Price and John Scott 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 William Price and John Scott 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 William Price and John Scott that if they should not answer unto the Declaration aforesaid by the time aforesaid Judgment should be considered against them by default: the same time was given to the said State of Maryland then, and so forth: 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 aforesaid William Price and John Scott 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 aff.

against