And whereupon the said State saith that whereas the aforesaid Jesse and Isaac on the twenty first 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 State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of One hundred and sixty two pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Jesse and Isaac (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of One hundred and sixty two 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 Jesse and Isaac which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

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and the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prayeth that that the said Jesse Reynolds and Isaac Reynolds 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 Jesse Reynolds and Isaac Reynolds should answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the State of Maryland by Wednesday the twenty fifth of this present month and it is said Jesse Reynolds and Isaac Reynolds 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 time, to wit, the twenty fifth of this present month;

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comes the State of Maryland by L Martin her attorney aforesaid, and Jesse Reynolds and Isaac Reynolds 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 sixty two pounds current money, in manner and form as the aforesaid State of Maryland above against them have declared: Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said State of Maryland do recover against the said Jesse Reynolds and Isaac Reynolds 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 Cost 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 pltf: and the said Jesse Reynolds and Isaac Reynolds in mercy pltf. — James Earle Clk.

State of Maryland
against
James Evans & Philip Coale

Be it remembered that on the tenth 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 James Evans and Philip Coale late 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 for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court House the second Tuesday of April next, to answer unto the said State of a plea that they render unto the said State the sum of five hundred and sixty four 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 that he should have then and there that writ pltf. —