And now here at this day, towit, 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 James Evans and Philip Coale and the same have ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said James Evans and Philip Coale being called upon, appears by Aquilla Hall their Attorney: Thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State affiloth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid, against the said James Evans and Philip Coale, the Tenor whereof was in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County to wit: James Evans and Philip Coale 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 five hundred and sixty four pounds 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 James and Philip 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 five hundred and sixty four pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid James and Philip (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of five hundred and sixty four 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, whereupon the said State saith it is the worse and hath damage to the value of

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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 James and Philip 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 the said James Evans and Philip Coale be held to answer 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 James Evans and Philip Coale 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 James Evans and Philip Coale that if they shall 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 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 said James Evans and Philip Coale 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 five hundred and sixty four 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 James Evans and Philip Coale 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

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