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that he should take William Cunion and Robert Aiken 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 to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Bals County 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 seventy five 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 pt.

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 William Cunion and Robert Aiken and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said William Cunion and Robert Aiken come by Aquilla Hall their Attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said William Cunion and Robert Aiken at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: Thereupon the said William Cunion and Robert Aiken file in Court here the following Bail-Piece, to wit:

State of Maryland against William Cunion and Robert Aiken ..... } Now John Murphy and John McCauley do acknowledge yourselves special Bail in the plea aforesaid, for the said William Cunion and Robert Aiken at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action brought by the said State State against

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the said William Cunion and Robert Aiken in the General Court; They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 31st day of March 1787.

To the honorable the Judges of the General Court.

Jeremiah Baker
Nat Ramsey

Power to Aquilla Hall Esq to appear for us and to defend this suit.—
Wm Cunion

And thereupon the said State by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State fileth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said William Cunion and Robert Aiken, the Tenor whereof ensueth in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, William Cunion and Robert Aiken late of Cecil County were summoned to answer unto the said State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of seventy five pounds 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, saith, that whereas the aforesaid William and Robert 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 seventy five pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid William and Robert (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of seventy five 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 doth refuse, wherefore the said State saith it is the worse and hath sustained damage to the

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