and so forth.— L Martin for the Plaintiff. Pledges of Pr. John Doe & Rich. Roe

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said John Evans and Richard 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 John Evans and Richard Reynolds should answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the State of Maryland by Wednesday the twenty fifth of this present month, and it said to the said John Evans and Richard 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 day of this present month, cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her Attorney afs., and the said John Evans and Richard 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, not but that they owe to the said State of Maryland the sum of ninety 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 John Evans and Richard 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 costs 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 pr.: and the said John Evans and Richard Reynolds in mercy.—

James Earle Clk

State of Maryland against Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk

Be it remembered that on the tenth day of January Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven Capias was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County, that he should take Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk 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 Talbot 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 pr.—

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

State of Maryland against Jacob Kirk & Abner Kirk } You James Patten and James Eagen do acknowledge yourselves special Bail for the said Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk in the General Court of the Eastern Shore, they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 27th March 1787. To the honorable Judges of the General Court... We do hereby appoint Aquilla Hall our Attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit.....

Elihu Hall
Patrick Ewing
Jacob Kirk

And thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affileth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit, Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk late of Cecil County, were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of Seventy