five 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 of the said State saith that whereas the aforesaid Jacob and Abner 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 Jacob and Abner (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 do refuse, wherefore the said State saith it is the worse and hath damage to the value of fifty pounds current 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 Jacob and Abner which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth the date whereof is the day and year 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 Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk 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 Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk 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 Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk 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, towit, the twenty fifth day of this present month; cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid, and the aforesaid Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk by their Attorn (aforesaid)

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 above against them have declared: Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said State of Maryland do recover against the said Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk 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 pr. and the said Jacob Kirk and Abner Kirk in mercy pr. —

James Earle Clk

State of Maryland
against
Andrew Walker & James Walker

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 Andrew Walker and James Walker late of Cecil County if they shall be found in his Bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their bodies of the said Andrew Walker and James Walker 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 said State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto the said State, the sum of eighty 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, 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 Andrew Walker

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