Churchman and Thomas Underhill at the Suit of the State of Maryland, in an action brought by the said State against the said John Churchman and Thomas Underhill in the General Court. — They acknowledged themselves to be content therewith this 23 day of March 1787.

Patrick Ewing
Michael Wallace

To the Judges of the General Court. —

We appoint and constitute Aquila Hall Esqr. our Attorney to appear for us and defend sd Suit. —

Jno Churchman

And thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney Gen: eral of the said State, affileth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said John Churchman and Thomas Underhill, the Tenor whereof ensueth in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, to wit. John Churchman and Thomas Underhill 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 One hundred and twenty eight pounds current money which from the said State they owe and unjustly detain, and so forth: And whereupon the said State by Luther Martin Attorney of the said saith that whereas the aforesaid John and Thomas on the fourteenth 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 One hundred and twenty eight pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the afsd John and Thomas (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid Sum of One hundred and twenty eight 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)

aforesaid: sealed with the seal of the aforesaid John and Thomas 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 &c. John Doe and Richard Roe

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said John Churchman and Thomas Underhill 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 Churchman and Thomas Underhill 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 John Churchman and Thomas Underhill 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 John Churchman and Thomas Underhill 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, now but that they owe to the said State of Maryland the Sum of One hundred and twenty eight 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 Churchman and Thomas Underhill 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 &c.: and the said John Churchman and Thomas Underhill in mercy &c.

James Earle Clk