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 thirty five pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the afor. James and David (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of One hundred and thirty 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 like money aforesaid, and therefore the said State brings suit, and so forth: and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory afores. sealed with the seal of the aforesaid James and David 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 of. John Doe & Richard Roe

And the said State of Maryland — by her Attorney aforesaid, prayeth that the said James Patten and David Poke 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 afor. that the said James Patten and David Poke 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 Patten and David Poke 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,

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cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid, and the aforesaid James Patten and David Poke 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 One hundred and thirty five 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 Patten and David Poke 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 James Patten and David Poke in mercy &c. — James Earle Clk

State of Maryland against John Taylor and John McCauley	Be it remembered, that on the

eleventh 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 John Taylor and John McCauley 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 of Maryland — the sum of One hundred and thirteen pounds ten shillings 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

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