April Term 1787.

State of Maryland
against
John Walker
James Barclay

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 Walker and James Barclay 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 of a plea the sum of One hundred and twelve 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 Peril, and that he should have then and there that writ &c.

And now here at this day, towit the 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 has taken the bodies of the said John Walker and James Barclay and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said John Walker and James Barclay ——— by Aquila Hall their Attorney come here in to Court: Thereupon the said John Walker and James Barclay at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special = Bail in the plea aforesaid: Thereupon the said State of Maryland & James Barclay file here in Court the following Bail = Piece, towit: State of Maryland against John Walker and James Barclay: you James Patten and William Barclay do acknowledge

(yourselves)

yourselves Special = Bail, in the plea aforesaid for the said John Walker and James Barclay do acknowledge yourselves special = Bail for at the suit of the state of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said John Walker and James Barclay in the General Court of the Eastern Shore they acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 27. day of March 1787.

Eliha Hall
Patrick Irving
John Hindman

To the Worshipfull the Judges of the General Court.

We do hereby constitute and appoint Aquila Hall our Attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit.

And thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State saith, its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said William Walker and James Barclay the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit, John Walker and James Barclay late of Cecil County, were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea, that they render unto the said State the sum of one hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland which ought 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 John and James on the twentieth 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 twelve pounds, ten shillings current money to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid John and James (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of One hundred and twelve pounds, ten shillings 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. —

L. Martin for the Plaintiff Pledges &c. John Doe and Richd Roe

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid, prays that the

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