Evans 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 two hundred and fifty pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain and so forth: and that thereof he the said Sheriff shewed not fail at his Peril, and that he should have then and there that writ &c. — 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 has taken the bodies of the said Robert Moore and James Evans and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said Robert Moore and James Evans by Aquila Hall their attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said Robert Moore and James Evans at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special = Bail, in the plea aforesaid, against the said Robert Moore and James Evans; Thereupon the said Robert Moore and James Evans file here in Court the following Bail = Piece, to wit:

State of Maryland
against
Robert Moore & James Evans

WE James Evans Senr and John Wright do acknowledge yourselves special = Bail in the plea aforesaid &c. the said Robert Moore & James Evans at the Suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said Robert Moore and James Evans in the General Court of the Eastern Shore; They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 27. day of March 1787. —

To the honorable the Judges of the Genl. Court. — Edlina Hall — Patrick Ewing

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

And thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney of the said State, affileth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid, against the said Robert Moore and James Evans, the Tenor whereof ensueth in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit: Robert Moore and James Evans 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 two hundred and fifty pounds current money, which from the said State they unjustly detain, and so forth: and whereupon the said State by Luther Martin Attorney of the State, saith, that whereas the aforesaid Robert and James on the twentieth day of June in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty five, at the County aforesd, by their certain writing obligatory acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and fifty pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto: Nevertheless the aforesaid Robert and James (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of Two hundred and fifty 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: Sealed with the seal of the aforesaid Robert and James which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

L. Martin for the Plaintiff — Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe

And the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Robert Moore and James Evans to the Declaration aforesaid of

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