suit in this behalf expended unto the same State of Maryland by the Court here with their assent adjudged pltf: and the said Susanna Eakins and John Blackburn in mercy &c. — James Earle Clk:

State of Maryland
against
Joseph Coulston & William Allen

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 Joseph Coulston and William Allen late of Cecil County if they should 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 two hundred and sixty three pounds ten shillings current money which from the said State they unjustly detain, and so forth: and that then of 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 said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, cometh the said 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 writ to him directed he had taken the bodies of the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said Joseph Coulston and and William Allen by Aquila Hale their Attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are put to give special:

(Bail)

Bail in the plea aforesaid: Thereupon the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen file here in Court the following Bail = Piece, towit:

State of Maryland
against
Joseph Coulston & William Allen....

you Samuel Gilpin and Job Stains do acknowledge themselves special = Bail for the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen in the General Court of the Eastern Shore. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 23d day of March 1787.

Patrick Ewing
Michael Wallace

To the Worshipfull the Judges of the General Court.

We do hereby constitute and appoint Aquila Hale our Attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit. — Joseph Coulston

And thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affileth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen, the Tenor whereof ensueth in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County towit, Joseph Coulson and William Allen 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 sixty three pounds ten shillings current money which from the said State they unjustly detain, and so forth: and whereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin the said States Attorney, saith that whereas the aforesaid Joseph and William 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 in the aforesaid sum of two hundred and sixty three pounds ten shillings current money, to be paid to the said State when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Joseph and William (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of two hundred sixty three 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)