they have altogether refused, and still do refuse, wherefore the said State saith it is the wase 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 Joseph and William which the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year afor, and so forth. L. Martin Atty for Plaintiff Pledges Jn. Doe & Rich. Roe And the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said Joseph Colston and William Allen to the Declaration of her the said State of Maryland pray answer; whereupon it is ordered by the Court at the prayer of the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid that the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen shall 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 Joseph Coulston and William Allen 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, to wit, the twenty fifth day of this present month; cometh as well the said State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid, and the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen by their attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth: and saith that they cannot deny the action aff. 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 two hundred and sixty three pounds, ten shillings 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 State of Maryland do recover against the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen the debt aforesaid in form aforesaid acknowledged: as also the Quantity of six

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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 pl.: and the said Joseph Coulston and William Allen in mercy pl.

James Easter Clk

State of Maryland against David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson

Be it remembered that on the Eleventh day of January Anno Dominis, One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County, that he should take David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson, 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 twenty two pounds, ten shillings Current money which from the said State of Maryland 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 pl.

And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April Anno Dominis, 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 had taken the bodies of the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson by Aquila Hale their attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson at the

prayer