prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special Bail in the plea aforesaid: Thereupon the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson file here in Court the following Bail = Piece, to wit:

State of Maryland against David Edmondson & Samuel Edmondson . . } YOU Dl. Haines and John Colson do acknowledge ourselves Special = Bail for the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson at the Suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the state against the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson in the General Court of the Eastern Shore; They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 23d. day of March 1787. Saml. Miller

To the Worshipful the Judges of the General Court. — Michael Wallace

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

and thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, affiloth its Declaration in the plea aforesaid, against the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, to wit, Maryland Cecil County, to wit: David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson 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 twenty two 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 Attorney General of the said State, said saith, that whereas the aforesaid David and Samuel on the twenty first 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 twenty two pounds, ten shillings current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid David and Samuel (although often thereunto required) the

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aforesaid sum of twenty two 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: and brings here into Court the writing obligatory aforesaid: sealed with the seal of the aforesaid David and Samuel which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the Date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. — L. Martin ppltff Rodgers pltf. John Doe and Richard Roe

and the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid prayeth that the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson 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 aforesaid that the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson should answer to the Declaration aft. of the State of Maryland by Wednesday the twenty fifth of this present month, and it is said to to the said David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson that if they should not answer unto the Declaration aforesaid by the time aft. Judgment should be rendered against them by default: the same time was given to the same time was given to the said State of Maryland then, 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 aft. David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson 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 twenty two 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 David Edmondson and Samuel Edmondson 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

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