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 twelve pounds 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 there and there that writ &c. —

And now here at this day, towit, the said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred & 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 Thomas Oldham and Moses Oldham and the same has ready according to the exigence of the same writ: and the said Thomas Oldham and Moses Oldham by Aquila Hall their Attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said Thomas Oldham and Moses Oldham at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special = Bail, in the plea aforesaid: Thereupon the said Thomas Oldham and Moses Oldham file in Court here the following Bail = Piece, towit:

State of Maryland against Thomas Oldham & Moses Oldham. } you John Wright and Elisha Rogers do acknowledge yourselves special = Bail for the said Thomas Oldham and Moses Oldham at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the state against the said Thomas Oldham and Moses Oldham 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 Judges of the Genl. Court. Patrick Ewing

We do hereby constitute and appoint Aquila Hall our attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit. — Thomas Oldham

And thereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General of the said State, files its Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Thomas Oldham and Moses Oldham, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit, Thomas Oldham and Moses Oldham 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 twelve pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detain, and so forth: And whereupon the said State by Luther Martin the said States Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid Thomas and Moses 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 Twelve pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Thomas and Moses (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of twelve 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 Thomas and Moses which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid and so forth. —

Luther Martin pl. Pltff. —

Pledges &c.
J. Rose
W. E. Rose

} we do hereby constitute and appoint Aquila Hall Esq. our Attorney to us and defend the above suit. — Joseph Sedwell