and Joseph Sedwell by Aquila Hale their Attorney come here into Court: Thereupon the said Margaret Sidwell and Joseph Sidwell at the prayer of the said State of Maryland are ruled to give special = Bail in the plea aforesaid: Thereupon the said Margaret Sidwell and Joseph Sidwell file here in Court the following Bail = Piece, Towit:

State of Maryland against Margaret Sidwell & Joseph Sidwell } you William Knight and Elisha Sidwell, do hereby acknowledge yourselves special = Bail for the said Margaret Sidwell and Joseph Sidwell at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of debt brought by the State against the said Margaret Sidwell and Joseph Sidwell in the General Court of the Eastern Shore; They acknowledge themselves content this 27. day of March 1787.

Elisha Hale
Patrick Ewing

The honorable the Judges of the General Court.

We do Constitute and appoint Aquila Hale Esq. our Attorney to appear for us and defend the above suit. —

Margaret Sidwell

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 Joseph Sidwell and Margaret Sidwell, the Tenor whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County to wit, Margaret Sedwell and Joseph Sidwell 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 sixty pounds 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, saith, that whereas the aforesaid Margaret and Joseph on the twenty first day of June in the year fourteen hundred

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 sixty pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Margaret and Joseph (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of sixty 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, whereforeto 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 Margaret and Joseph which the debt aforesaid, in form aforesaid, witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid, and so forth. —

L. Martin for the Plaintiff. Pledges &c. John Doe and Rich.d Roe

and the said Margaret Sidwell and Joseph Sidwell 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 sixty pounds 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 said State of Maryland do recover against the said ~~State~~ Margaret Sidwell and Joseph Sidwell 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 her about her suit in this behalf expended unto the same State of Maryland by the Court here with their assent adjudged &c.: and the said Margaret Sidwell and Joseph Sidwell in mercy &c. — —

James Earle Clk