Venue whereof ensues in the following words, towit: Maryland Cecil County, towit, Hezekiah Rowles and Thomas Russell late of Cecil County were summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea, that they render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of seventy five pounds current money which from the said State of Maryland they unjustly detain, and so forth: and whereupon the said State by Luther Martin Attorney General: :al of the said State, saith that whereas the aforesaid Hezekiah and Thomas on the Eleventh 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 Seventy five pounds current money, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when after: :wards they should be thereunto required: Nevertheless the aforesaid Hezekiah and Thomas (although often thereunto required) the aforesaid sum of seventy five 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 Hezekiah and Thomas 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 pl.: John Doe & Rich.d Roe

and the said Hezekiah Rowles and Thomas Russell by their attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth: and saith that they cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aff.: State of Maryland so as aforesaid against them brought, nor but that they owe to the said State of Maryland the sum of Seventy five (pounds)

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 Hezekiah Rowles and Thomas Russell 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 pl.: and the said Hezekiah Rowles and Thomas Russell in mercy &c. ——

James Earle Clk.:

State of Maryland
against
William Allen and
Nathan Harris

Be it remembered that on the thirteenth 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 William Allen and Nathan Harris 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 seventy five pounds current money which from the said State they unjustly detains, 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, towit, the said second Tuesday of April Anno Domini, 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 has taken the bodies (of)