our Lord One thousand seven hundred & eighty nine, being the day of the return of the a/d writ comes the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General for the said State, and the Sheriff of Dorchester County a/d to whom the said writ was directed likewise comes, & makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit, "Jno Patison Capi Wm. E Hicks Short: est John Goslin Capi Jno Eccleston Shff." And the said John Patterson & John Goslin by Gust. Scott their Attorney comes here into Court, and thereupon at the prayer of the said Attorney General, the said John Patterson and John Goslin ~~was~~ is ruled by the Court here to give Special Bail in the Plea a/d: whereupon William Patterson comes here into Court before the Judges a/d in his Proper Person and becomes Pledge & Manucaptor for the said John Patterson and John Goslin that if it should happen that Judgment by the Court here for the State of Maryland in the plea a/d against the said John Patterson should be rendered, then the said William Patterson grants that as well the Debt a/d as all such Damages, Costs and Charges which unto the said State in this part should by the Court here adjudged: Of his Lands and Chattels should be made & to the use of the said State levied; if it should happen that the said John Patterson & John Goslin the said Debt & Damages Costs & Charges unto the said State should not pay; or their bodies in Execution of such Judgment to the Public Prison of Dorchester County a/d by that occasion should not render. And the said John Patterson & John Goslin by their Attorney aforesaid defend the wrong & injury when &c. & forth, & say that they the said John Patterson & John Goslin cannot gainsay the Action a/d of the State of Maryland so as against them brought, nor can they deny but that they owe to the said State the sum of Current money

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the State of Maryland do recover against the said John Patterson and John Goslin the Debt a/d in form a/d acknowledged, and also the quantity of five hundred and ninety pounds & four fifth's of a pound of Tobacco, for the said States Costs & Charges by the said State about this suit expended: Unto the State of Maryland adjudged by the Court here and so forth. & the said John Patterson and John Goslin in mercy &c. & forth — James Earle Clk. —

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 5th day of May Anno Domini 1789.
To be released on payment of two years Interest & Costs. Stay of Execution till next Term. —

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The State of Maryland
against
James Dean Richard Handford & John Philips —

Be it remembered that on the Seventh day of October Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and eighty eight command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County that he should take James Dean Richard Handford and John Philips late of Dorchester County if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the Judges of our General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State in Talbot County at the Court house in the same County on the second Tuesday of April then next, to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that they render unto her the sum of Five hundred seventy seven pounds, two shillings and ten pence current money which from her 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 — And now here at this day, to wit. The second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, being the day of the return of the aforesaid writ, comes the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General for the said State, and the Sheriff of Dorchester County aforesaid to whom the said writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit, "James Dean Non Est, Richard Hanford Capi & Philips Short est Jno Eccleston Shff." — And the said Richard Hanford by Gustavus Scott his Attorney comes here into Court, and thereupon defends the wrong & injury when and so forth, and says that he cannot gainsay the Action of the State of Maryland so as against him the said Richard brought, nor but that he owes unto the said State the sum of current money:

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the State of Maryland do recover against the said Defendants the Debt a/d in form a/d acknowledged, and also the quantity of five hundred and two pounds and one fifth of a pound of Tobacco, for the Costs and Charges of the said State, by the said State about this suit expended. Unto the State of Maryland by the Court here adjudged & so forth. And the said Defendants in mercy &c. & forth — James Earle Clk. —

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 5th day of May Anno Domini 1789.
To be released on the payment of two years Interest & Costs — Stay of Execution till next Term —