The State of Maryland against Thomas Murphey & John Spear

Be it remembered that on the fifteenth day of October Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred & eighty eight command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take "Thomas" Murphey & John Spear if they should be found in his Bailiwick & 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 sixty pounds current money which from her they unjustly detain and so forth. And that he the said Sheriff should not fail thereof at his peril, and that he should have then & there that writ. — And now here at this day, to wit, the said 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 afd writ, comes the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General for the said State, and the Sheriff of Cecil County to whom the said writ was directed likewise comes & makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit "Cepi Murphey Non Est Spear Ja. Orrick Shff." And the said Thomas Murphey and John Spear by William Barroll their Attorney come here into Court and thereupon the said Thomas & John by their said Attorney affile the following Bail Piece, to wit: —

"L.M State of Maryland
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Thos. Murphey & John Spear

Dt. £60..00..0 Cm. (You John Moody & Alex.r Moody do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said Thos. Murphy & John Spear at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of Debt brought by the State against the said Thos. Murphy & John Spear in the General Court of the Eastern Shore. They acknowledge themselves to be content therewith this 11th day of April 1789. Sam.l Miller
To the honourable Judges of the General Court. Jeremh. Baker

At the bottom of the original Bail-Piece was thus written to wit. "We do hereby constitute and appoint William Barroll our Attorney to appear and defend the above Suit — Thomas his mark Murphey"

And the said Thomas Murphey & John Spear by their Attorney afd defend the wrong and injury when and so forth, and say, that they cannot gainsay the action afd 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 Thomas Murphey and John Spear the Debt afd in form afd acknowledged, and also the quantity of five hundred and fifty six pounds and one fifth of a pound of Tobacco for the costs and charges of the said State, by the said State in this behalf expended: Unto the said State by the Court here adjudged &c forth. And the said Thomas Murphey & John Spear in mercy &c so forth — James Earle Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this action on the 20th day of April Anno Domini 1789.
To be released on Payt. of 2 Years interest & Costs — Stay of execution till next Court. —

The State of Maryland against John Moody & Alexander Moody

Be it remembered that on the fifteenth day of October Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred & eighty eight command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take "John Moody & Alexander Moody" late of Cecil County, if they should be found in his Bailiwick and them safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the Judges of the General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State in Talbot County at the Court-House in the same County 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 ninety one pounds nineteen shillings and six 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 & that he should have then & there that writ and so forth — And now here at this day, to wit, the said 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 afd writ here comes the State of Maryland by Luther Martin Attorney General for the said State, and the Sheriff of Cecil County afd to whom the same writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed, to wit "Cepi Corpora Ja. Orrick Shff." And the said John Moody & Alexander Moody by William Barroll their Attorney come here into Court, and thereupon by their Attorney afd affile in Court here the following Bail-Piece, to wit —

"L.M State of Maryland
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John Moody & Alex.r Moody

Dt. £91..19..6. (You Thos. Murphy & Patrick McVey do jointly and severally acknowledge yourselves Special Bail for the said John Moody & Alex.r Moody at the suit of the State of Maryland in an action of Debt brought by the State against the said John Moody & Alex.r Moody in the General Court of the Eastern Shore. They acknowledge themselves content therewith this 11th day of Apr.l 1789. Sam.l Miller
To the honourable Judges of the General Court. — Jeremh. Baker"