State of Maryland against Levin Handy

Be it remembered that on the Seventeenth day of March anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety four a Writ was given to the Sheriff of Worcester County that he should take Levin Handy late of Worcester County if into his bailiwick he should be found and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Easton in Talbot County the Second Tuesday of April then next following to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State the full and just sum of three hundred and fifty five pounds eleven shillings and two pence current money which to the said State he owes and 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, At which said Second Tuesday in April term in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four being the day for the return of the aforegoing writ comes the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin her Attorney and the Sheriff of Worcester County whereon the same writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit. "Cepi so answers George Purnel Sheriff" and the said Levin Handy being called upon appeared in Court by Benjamin Parsons his Attorney. and thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid and their attorneys and by order of Court thereon was continued untill the second Tuesday in September then next following; At which said Second Tuesday to wit, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four. Came here again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said State of Maryland by her Attorney aforesaid offered her Declaration in the plea aforesaid against the said Levin Handy which said Declaration Counts as follows to wit,

State of Maryland ss. Levin Handy late of Worcester County was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a

plea that he render unto the said State of Maryland the sum of three hundred and fifty five pounds Eleven Shillings and two pence current money of Maryland, which to the said State he owes and unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin its attorney saith that whereas the said Levin on the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty at the county of Worcester by his writing Obligatory sealed with the seal of the said Levin and to the Court now here shewn the date whereof is the day and year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the aforesaid sum of current money of Maryland, to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards he thereunto requested, Nevertheless the aforesaid Levin although often requested, hath not paid the aforesaid sum of money to the said State of Maryland, but hath hitherto altogether refused, and still doth refuse to pay to the said State the aforesaid sum of money, to the damage of the said State of the sum of nine hundred pounds current money of Maryland: and therefore the said State brings suit &c.

Pledges of Prosecuting { John Doe, Richard Roe, } L. Martin for the State,

and the aforesaid State of Maryland by her attorney aforesaid prays that the said Levin Handy might be ruled to file his plea in answer to the Declaration aforesaid on or before the second Tuesday in April then next or that Judgment on default thereof against him might be rendered and it was granted unto her the same day was given to the said Levin Handy Ulterior

And now here at this day to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety five, Come here again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Levin Handy by his Attorney aforesaid Comes and defends the force and injury when &c. and says that he cannot gain say this the action aforesaid of the said State of Maryland, so aforesaid against him brought nor can he deny but that the aforesaid State of Maryland hath sustained damage to the sum of three hundred and fifty five pounds eleven shillings and two pence current money aforesaid in manner and form as the aforesaid so at