State of Maryland, Be it remembered, that on this twenty sixth day of April anno domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, Commission was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County, that he should take Thomas Broom, late of Cecil County, Administrator of all and singular the goods and Chattels, rights and Credits of Samuel Rutter late of Cecil County deceased, if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton, in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of September then next to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State, the sum of sixty pounds Current money which from the said State he unjustly detains and so forth, and that he should have then and there that writ &c. At which said second Tuesday in September, to wit, in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety two, here came the said State of Maryland, by Luther Martin, her attorney and Samuel Maffitt Sheriff of the County aforesaid, came and made return that he had taken the Body of the said Thomas Broom, and the same had ready according to the Exigence of the said writ, and the said Thomas Broom by William Barnett, his attorney came here into Court, thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties by consent of the said parties and their attorneys aforesaid, and by an order of the Court here thereon was Continued until the second Tuesday in April then next following — At which said second Tuesday in April last, in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety three, here came again as well the said State of Maryland, as the said Thomas Broom by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said State of Maryland, by her attorney aforesaid filed her Declaration in the plea aforesaid, against the said Thomas Broom in a Manner and form following, to wit,

State of Maryland } Thomas Broom late of Cecil County, Administrator of all and singular
Cecil County, to wit, } the goods and Chattels rights and Credits of Samuel Rutter, late of Cecil County deceased, was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland, of a plea that he render unto the said State the sum of sixty pounds Current money which from the said State he unjustly detains and so forth, And whereupon the same State by Luther Martin, its attorney saith that whereas the said Samuel in his lifetime, to wit, the day of in the year Seventeen hundred and at the County aforesaid, by his certain writing Obligatory, which sealed with the seal of the said Samuel the said State here in Court brings, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid, acknowledged himself 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 when he the said Samuel should be thereto afterwards required, to be paid, payment whereof the said Samuel did bind himself his Executors and Administrators firmly, by the same writing, Nevertheless the said Samuel in his lifetime, or the said Thomas after the death of the said Samuel, at the afore required, the said sum of money aforesaid, or any part thereof to the said State have not, nor hath either of them paid, but the same to the said State to pay the said Samuel in his lifetime & the said Thomas after the death of the said Samuel have hitherto altogether refused & to pay the same to the said State the said Thomas doth still refuse to the damage of the said State in the sum of ten pounds Current money and therefore he brings this suit &c. and the said State doth aver that after the death of the said Samuel to wit, the day of in the year Seventeen hundred and at the County aforesaid, Administration of all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and Credits which were of the said Samuel at the time of his death, by David Smith Gentleman Register for the probate of wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the County aforesaid, duly commissioned and Qualified, to the said Thomas in due form of law was Committed &c. Luther Martin atty Genl for the State, John Doe Richard Roe pledges &c.

The writing Obligatory mentioned in the foregoing Declaration runs as follows to wit,

Maryland } Know all men by these presents that we Edward Egnew and
Cecil County } Samuel Rutter John McCauley, and John Bradley all of Cecil County are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland, in the full and just sum of sixty pounds Gold Currency to be paid to the said State of Maryland, to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty fourth day of October anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, The condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Edward Egnew Samuel Rutter John McCaly, John Bradley do and shall well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto General Smallwood, the Just and lawful sum of Ten pounds again the tenth day of December next with Interest in Gold and Silver rating Milled Dollars at four Shillings and six pence in the proportions and on the days following to wit, one third part thereof as aforesaid on or before the twenty sixth of January next with legal Interest thereon, one third part thereof as aforesaid on or before the twenty fourth of August 1783. with legal Interest thereon then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in full force and Virtue in law.

Signed sealed and Delivered } Edward Egnew (Seal)
in the presence of - - - - - } Saml Rutter, (Seal)
Patrick Hamilton, Jno McCauley (Seal)
Jno Bradley (Seal)

and the said State of Maryland, by her attorney aforesaid, prayed that the said Thomas Broom might be ruled to file his plea in answer to the Declaration aforesaid, after the said State of Maryland, on or before the second Tuesday of September then next following ~~and it~~ or that Judgment on Default thereof against the said Thomas Broom might be rendered, and it was granted unto him; The same day was given to the said State of Maryland there &c. — At which said second Tuesday in September, to wit, in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety three, Came again the parties aforesaid, by their attorneys, and it was said to the said Thomas Broom, that he should answer to the Declaration aforesaid, after the said State of Maryland by the second Tuesday of April, then next following, and it was further said to the said Thomas Broom, that if he should not answer, to the Declaration aforesaid, by the day aforesaid, Judgment should be rendered against him by default; The same day was given to the said State of Maryland there and so forth; At which said second Tuesday in April, to wit, in the year Seventeen hundred