in manner and form following, to wit, Maryland Sc. William Matthews late of Cecil County Surviving Executor of the Testament and last Will of John Dockery Thompson late of Cecil County Deceased, was Summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea of Trespass on the Case &c. And Whereupon the aforesaid State of Maryland by Luther Martin its Attorney complains that Whereas the aforesaid Thompson in his lifetime on the third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty at the County aforesaid was indebted to the Said State of Maryland in the Sum of Six thousand pounds Current Money of Maryland for the like Sum of Money by him before that time for the use of the Said State had and received, and being so thereof indebted afterwards, to wit, on the day and year aforesaid in Consideration thereof he the said Thompson in his lifetime assumed and then and there to the said State faithfully promised that he the said Thompson the aforesaid Sum of Money to the said State of Maryland would well and truly pay when afterwards he by the said State should be thereto required. Nevertheless the said Thompson in his lifetime and the aforesaid Matthews after the Death of the said Thompson not regarding the promise & assumption aforesaid of him the said Thompson so as aforesaid but contriving and fraudulently intending the said State of Maryland in this behalf to deceive and defraud the aforesaid Sum of Money or any part thereof hath not to the said State of Maryland paid neither hath either of them yet paid the same, altho to pay the same the said Thompson in his lifetime and the said Matthews after the Death of the said Thompson at the County aforesaid was requested by the said State but to pay the same to the said State they have hitherto utterly refused and the said Matthews doth yet refuse whereby the said State saith it hath Damage to the amount of ten thousand pounds Current Money and therefore the said State brings its Suit &c. and brings into Court the Letters Testamentary of the said Thompson by which it sufficiently appears &c. that the said Matthews is Executor &c. L Martin Att'y General of Maryland.

And the said William by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c. and saith that the said State its Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought not because he saith that he the said William before the Impetration of the original Writ in this cause fully administered all and Singular the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits which were of the said Thompson at the time of his Death and have come to his hands to be administered and this

he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said State its Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought and so forth. And thereupon day was given as well to the said State as to the said William by the Court here until the second Tuesday of April then next following. And now here at this day to wit the second Tuesday of April Seventeen hundred and ninety six, come again into Court the Parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid and the said State saith that in as much as the said William does not deny the Action aforesaid of the said State, but admits the same to be true, and in as much as the said State cannot deny but that he the said William hath not any Goods or Chattels which were of the said Thompson at the time of his Death in the hands of the said William Matthews to be administered in manner and form as the said William above hath in his said plea in that behalf alleged, prays Judgment and her Damages on occasion of the Non performance of the said Promises and Undertakings in the said Declaration mentioned, to be levied of the Goods and Chattels which were of the said John D Thompson at the time of his Death, when, after final Judgment in this respect, they shall come to the hands of the said William Matthews to be Administered; Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the aforesaid State of Maryland do recover against the said William Matthews her Damages aforesaid to the Sum of Four hundred and twenty pounds five Shillings Current Money for the Damages aforesaid, as also the quantity of Eight hundred and forty seven pounds of Tobacco for her Costs and Charges by her about her suit in that behalf laid out and expended, to be levied of the Goods and Chattels which were of the aforesaid John D Thompson at the time of his Death, when such Goods and Chattels shall hereafter come to the hands of the said William Matthews to be Administered. and the aforesaid William Matthews in Mercy &c.

James Earle Junr Clk.

State of Maryland against Archibald Job } Be it remembered that on the nineteenth day of October Seventeen hundred and ninety one Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County that he should take Archibald Job late of Cecil County Gentleman if in his Bailiwick he should be found and him in his Custody should safely keep so that he should have his body before the Judges of the General Court on 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 Sum and just quantity of two hundred thousand pounds of good Sound Merchantable leaf Tobacco and Cask which to the said State he owed and from the said State