Witness, the Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court this eighth day of September Anno Dominii 1797. — Issue the 7th day of March Anno Dominii 1796. —
James Earle Junr. Clerk. —
A.M.

It is thereupon ordered by the Court here, that all things relating to the premises be transmitted accordingly.
Test. S. Baxter Clk. —

Maryland, Cecil County, to wit: I hereby Certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy of the Record and Proceedings in the aforesaid Action. — In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office this fourth day of April Anno Dominii seventeen hundred and ninety six. —
(Seal) S. Baxter Clk. Cecil County. —

And the said Isaac Gooding by his Attorney (ap) prayed that the said John Makin might be ruled by the Court here, to file his plea in answer to the Declaration (ap) of the said Isaac and the same was granted, and the said John Makin by his Attorney (ap) prayed the liberty of imparling hereunto, until next Court, then to answer to the Declaration (ap) of the said Isaac, and it was granted unto him, the same day was given to the said Isaac there &c. —

At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety six, came again into Court here, the Parties (ap) by their Attorneys (ap), and the said John Makin not having filed his plea according to the rule (ap), the said Isaac Gooding prayed that the said John might be further ruled to file his plea in answer to the Declaration (ap) of the said Isaac and it was granted unto him, and the said John by his Attorney (ap) prayed the further liberty of imparling hereunto, until next Court, and then to answer to the Declaration (ap) of the said Isaac and the same was granted, the same day was given to the said Isaac there &c. — At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court here, the parties (ap) by their Attorneys (ap), and the said John Makin not having filed his plea according to the rule (ap), the said Isaac Gooding prayed that the said John might be further ruled to file his plea in answer to the Declaration (ap) of the said Isaac and it was granted unto him, and the said John Makin by his Attorney aforesaid prayed the further liberty of imparling hereunto, until next Court, and then to answer to the Declaration (ap) of the said Isaac and he had it, the same day was given to the said Isaac there &c. — At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of September seventeen hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court here, the parties (ap) by their Attorneys (ap) and the said John Makin not having filed his plea according to the rule (ap), the said Isaac Gooding by his Attorney (ap) prayed that the said John might be further ruled to file his plea in answer to the Declaration (ap) of the said Isaac, or in default thereof, Judgment for the said Isaac Gooding against him the said John Makin in the plea (ap), and the same was granted, and the said John Makin by his Attorney (ap) prayed the further liberty of imparling hereunto, until the next Court, and he had, the same day was given to the said Isaac there &c. — And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and ninety eight, comes the said Isaac Gooding by his Attorney (ap), and the said John Makin though solemnly called, now here comes not, nor says any thing in bar or preclusion of the action (ap) of him the said Isaac but therein doth make default, whereby the same Isaac remains against the said John therein undefended; Therefore, it is considered by the Court here, that the said Isaac Gooding recover against the said John Makin as well the sum of his Debt (ap), as the Quantity of one thousand and thirty five pounds of Tobacco for his Damages which he hath sustained as well by occasion of the detention of that Debt, as for his Costs and Charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended, adjudged unto the said Isaac by the Court here, with his Assent; and

the said John Makin in mercy &c. — Test. James Earle Junr. Clk. —

Memorandum. Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 17th day of April 1798 by Default under the rule for want of plea. — To be released on the payment of principal, Interest and Costs, payments, if any, to be allowed. —

State of Maryland against Richard S. Thomas } Be it remembered that on the ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, Command was given to the Sheriff of Cecil County, that he should take Richard Saunders Thomas late of Cecil County if he should be found in his Bailiwick, and him safe keep, so that he you should have his body before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County, on the second Tuesday of September 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 five hundred and forty pounds, Current money of Maryland which unto the said State he owes, and from the said State he unjustly detains and so forth. — And that he the said Sheriff should not fail thereof at his peril, and have then and there that Writ &c. And the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin her Attorney, of plea here Declaration in the plea (ap) in form following, to wit. — Eastern Shore State of Maryland, Cecil County, to wit. Richard S. Thomas late of Cecil County, was summoned to answer unto the State of Maryland of a plea that he render unto the said State, the full and just sum of five hundred and forty pounds Current money of Maryland, which unto the said State he owes, and from the said State he unjustly detains and so forth. — And whereupon the said State of Maryland by Luther Martin its Attorney saith, that whereas the aforesaid Richard S. Thomas, on the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and at Cecil County (ap), by his certain writing Obligatory, acknowledged himself to be held and firmly bound unto the said State of Maryland in the (ap) sum of five hundred and forty pounds Current money (ap), to be paid to the said State of Maryland when afterwards he should be thereunto required. Nevertheless the (ap) Richard S. Thomas (although often thereunto required) the (ap) sum of five hundred and forty pounds Current money (ap) to the said State of Maryland hath not rendered or paid, but the same to the said State hitherto to render or pay he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse; wherefore the said State is the worse and hath Damage to the value of five hundred and forty pounds Current money (ap), and therefore the said State, brings suit and so forth; and brings here into Court the writing Obligatory aforesaid; Sealed with the Seal of the aforesaid Richard S. Thomas which the Debt (ap) in form aforesaid, Witnesseth, the date whereof is the day and year (ap) and so forth. —

Luther Martin for the plaintiff, pledges and so forth. John Doe and Richard Roe

A Copy of which said Declaration was sent to be served on the Defendant with the Writ. — At which said day, to wit, the second Tuesday of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, (being the day for the return of the aforegoing Writ) came here into Court the said State of Maryland by her Attorney (ap), and the Sheriff of the County (ap), to whom the said Writ was directed likewise came and made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit. —

Cepi. Percy Bruce Shff. —

And the said Richard S. Thomas being called appeared in Court here by John Scott Esqr. his Attorney: Thereupon the said State by her Attorney (ap) prayed that the said Richard S. Thomas might be ruled by the Court here to file his plea in answer to the Declaration (ap) of the said State, and it was granted unto him. And the said Richard S. Thomas by his Attorney (ap) prayed the liberty of imparling hereunto, until the second Tuesday of April then next following; and the same