Written assignment – Marshall case

Marshall v. Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co.

The opinion in this case begins: "The plaintiff in error, who was also plaintiff below, avers in his declaration that he is a citizen of Virginia, and that 'The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, the defendant, is a body corporate by an act of the General Assembly of Maryland'. It has been objected, that this averment is insufficient to show jurisdiction in the Courts of the United States over the 'suit' or 'controversy...".

Explain in your own words the nature of the issue here.