James Somerville, Ann Magruder Somerville his wife, And Susannah Somerville, Thomas Trueman Somerville and Ann Somerville by said James Somerville their father and neat friends against Benjamin Trueman —

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit the 23d day of September Anno Dominii 1795, came into the State of Maryland's High Court of Chancery, James Somerville, And Ann Magruder Somerville his wife and Susannah Somerville, Thomas Trueman Somerville and Ann Somerville by the said James Somerville their father and neat friend, and exhibited their Bill of Complaint against Benjamin Trueman in the words following (to wit, —

To the Honorable John Rogers Esquire Chancellor of Maryland

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor James Somerville and Ann Magruder Somerville his wife of Prince Georges County And your Orators Susannah Somerville Thomas Trueman Somerville and Ann Somerville infants by the said James Somerville their father and neat friend of that Edward Trueman late of said County deceased being seised and possessed of a tract of land part of two other tracts of land called Blackwell and Anthony's Choice lying in Prince Georges County aforesaid and being willing and desirous to sell the same did some time in the year seventeen hundred and seventeen agree with a certain Thomas Trueman late of the County aforesaid deceased, great Grandfather to your Orators Ann Magruder Somerville, for the Absolute purchase of the said tract of land in fee simple, And all his Interest therein in consideration of the sum of fifty pounds Sterling to be paid to the said Edward Trueman by the said Thomas Trueman deceased which said sum of Money was accordingly paid by the said Thomas Trueman deceased but before any conveyance could be executed pursuant to the Agreement aforesaid for said land, the said Thomas Trueman died having first made and executed his last Will and Testament in Writing bearing date the fifteenth day of September seventeen hundred and seventeen, as by the said Will remaining on the Records of the State, to which your Orator beg leave to refer may appear

And your Orators shew that by the said last Will and Testament the said Thomas Trueman devised the lands he had purchased as aforesaid to his son James Trueman in fee, in the words following "Item I give and bequeath to my son James Trueman a tract of land and paid for to my brother Edward Trueman

called Thomas and Anthony's Choice tho' the same be not yet made over according to Law but hope and desire that my brother may do it out of hand, to him the said James and his heirs forever; as by reference to the said Will may appear," And your Orators further shew that the said Thomas Trueman, by Virtue of the said contract was put into the peaceable possession of said land and continued therein until the time of his death and after his death his son James Trueman possessed the same; and those claiming under them ever since continued in the quiet possession thereof until about the year 1770 — When Benjamin Trueman forcibly took possession of a part thereof, and they have ever since remained in the possession of the greater part of said land, Your Orators further shew that the said Edward Trueman being satisfied that the said Thomas Trueman deceased was justly entitled to the said land in virtue of the purchase aforesaid and that he was bound in conscience to convey the same according to the said last Will and Testament, did, on about the twenty third day of July in the year seventeen hundred and twenty execute a Deed for the said bargained premisses to the said James Trueman the Devisee in the said last Will and Testament mentioned in which said Deed the said Bargained premisses are described as follows "part of that tract or parcel of land lying in Prince Georges County on the West side of Patuxent River called Bladkwell, in the Woods behind a parcel of land commonly called the Quascos Manor, beginning at a bounded White Oak standing in the line of the said Manor and running South for length two hundred and twenty three perches from thence West one hundred and eighty perches to a marked Poch-Hickory — Standing in the line of a parcel of land granted to one Thomas Hemp, called Thomas & Anthony's Choice, and running two hundred and twenty three perches till it intersects the line of the land of John Boage called Poplar Hill, then with the said land East and by South to the first bounded tree, standing in the line of the aforesaid Manor containing and now laid for two hundred and fifty Acres more or less, and in the said Deed was also contained the following Covenant," And the said Edward Trueman for himself his heirs, Executors and Administrators do hereby covenant and Grant to and with the said James Trueman son of the deceased his heirs, and assigns that the said Edward Trueman his heirs and Executors against all manner of persons, the aforesaid tract of land and premisses to the said James Trueman of