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be made and done executed and suffered all and every such further and other Act or Acts thing or things devise or devises, assurance or Assurances whatsoever request in y^e premises for the better and more sure making the bargained premises unto him the said James Trueman son of y^e deceased his heirs and assigns forever be it by enrolement on these presents fine ffeoffment or otherways or by any such lawful ways or means as by him y^e said James Trueman son of y^e deceased his heirs or assigns or them or their Counsel learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised advised and required In Witness whereof y^e said Edward Trueman to these presents hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal the day and date above written -

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of Levin Covington, Thomas Gantt } Edward Trueman (Seal)

Whereupon accordingly issued Subpœna in the usual form and Injunction as prayed against the said Benjamin Trueman returnable to the next Court at which next Court to wit the third Tuesday of October 1795. came the Sheriff of Prince Georges County and made return of the said Subpœna thus endorsed "Sum^d." and the said Injunction thus endorsed "Served". also came Michael Jenifer Stone Esq^r. of Counsel of Counsel with the Defendant and appeared to the said Bill, and the said Cause so standing continued until October Court 1795. the Defendant by his Counsel aforesaid Exhibits into Court his Answer to the said Bill in the words following to wit

The Answer of Benjamin Trueman to the Bill of Complaint of James Somerville and Ann Magruder Somerville his wife - This Defendant now and at all times saving and reserving to himself the benefit of Exception to the many insufficiencies and contradictions in the Bill of Complaint aforesaid for answer there to Nevertheless a to so much thereof as is material for him to answer unto he saith true it is that Edward Trueman father to this Defendant before at and after the year one thousand seven hundred and seventeen was seised and possessed in his own right in fee simple of two tracts of land lying and being in Prince Georges County, the one called Thomas and Anthony's Choice and the other called Blackwell and being so thereof seised died about the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty nine as this Defendant has understood Intestate, and leaving this Defendant his heir at Law an Infant about the age of seven or eight years, This Defendant knows of no Agreement made or entered into between his said father Edward Trueman and [illegible] an great Grand father to Ann Magruder a -

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Somerville one of the Plaintiffs nor does he believe that any Agreement or bargain was ever made between the said Edward Trueman and Thomas Trueman respecting the said two tracts of land called Thomas and Anthony's Choice and Blackwell or either of them nor does he believe or know that ever the said Thomas Trueman paid or delivered to the said Edward Trueman any Money or other valuable thing for or on Account of any contract bargain or agreement respecting the said tracts of land or either of them neither doth he know or believe that the said Edward Trueman ever in his life time owed to the said Thomas Trueman the sum of fifty pounds Sterling or any sum whatsoever nor does this Defendant know or believe that the said Edward Trueman ever signed or in any manner executed or agreed to know of the Instrument of writing mentioned by the said Plaintiffs in their said Bill of Complaint purporting to be a deed from the said Edward Trueman to James Trueman Devisee of the said Thomas Trueman for part of the said tract of land called Blackwell - This Defendant has understood from General reputation that after the Defendants Mother died his father married a second wife and that when he died the said second wife Elizabeth Trueman took out letters of Administration upon his Estate, and afterwards intermarried with one John Lawson that James Trueman aforesaid claimed a sum of Money from the said Lawson and his wife as Administratrix of this Defendants father on account of a debt said to be due from him to Thomas Trueman, That to get quit of his claim and also other trouble about it said Lawson and Wife permitted James Trueman to take possession of the Northermost part of the two tracts of land aforesaid belonging to this Defendant while this Defendant was about fourteen or fifteen years of age, - that this Defendant when he came of age took possession of the Southward part of this land and lived thereon a considerable time and afterwards sold part thereof about the year 1759 to Ignatius Digs and Walter Hoxton, and from that time to the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy, this Defendant lived on a plantation of one John Povey and about the year last aforesaid this Defendant took possession of an house and land part of Thomas and Anthony's Choice and Blackwell and has lived there ever since - This Defendant further says that James Trueman in his lifetime and afterwards Henry Trueman father of the late Thomas Trueman a great many years ago requested this Defendant to wit James Trueman for himself and Henry Trueman on behalf of his [illegible] Thomas Trueman