The State of Maryland ss. At a General Court of the Western Shore of the said State begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October being the Tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. And in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the Twenty second.

Present

The Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire chief Judge, Jeremiah Townley Chase and Gabriel Duvall Esquires Judges

Richard Harwood Esquire Sheriff. John Green Clerk

In the record of proceedings of the same court among others is the following to wit

Jerom Plummer & Others Lessee Against Ann Lane & Thomas Lane

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the twenty second day of february in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety six Benjamin Goodtitle lessee of Jerom Plummer, Gerard Plummer, John Plummer, Joseph Pembertan Plummer, John Cowman and Mary his wife formerly Mary Plummer by William Pinkney his attorney sued out of the General Court here a Declaration in Ejectment in manner and form following to wit. Western Shore of Maryland ss. Ann Arundel County to wit; John Badtitle late of Ann Arundel County planter was attached to answer unto Benjamin Goodtitle of a plea wherefore with force and Arms he into all that tract or parcel of plantable land called Brensley Hall alias Brensly Hall lying and being in the County aforesaid and containing eight hundred acres of Land which Jerom Plummer, Gerard Plummer, John Plummer, Joseph Pemberton Plummer and John Cowman and Mary his wife formerly Mary Plummer to the same Benjamin demised for a Term which is not yet passed, entered and him from his farm aforesaid ejected, and committed other outrages on him to the great damage of the said Benjamin and against the peace and so forth; And Whereupon the said Benjamin by William Pinkney his attorney complains, that whereas the said Jerom Plummer, Gerard Plummer, John Plummer, Joseph Pemberton Plummer and John Cowman and Mary his wife on the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety six, at the County aforesaid demised to the said Benjamin the Tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances. To have and to hold the same to the said Benjamin and his assigns from the thirtieth day of December then last past unto the end and term of Ten years from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended; By virtue of which said Demise the same Benjamin into the tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances entered, and was thereof possessed, and he the said Benjamin being so thereof possessed, the said John Badtitle afterwards to wit, on the same

first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety six with force & arms and so forth into the Tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances which the said Jerom Plummer, Gerard Plummer, John Plummer, Joseph Pemberton Plummer and John Cowman & Mary his wife to the said Benjamin in form aforesaid demised for the Term aforesaid which is not yet past, entered, and him the said Benjamin from his farm aforesaid ejected, and other outrages to him the said Benjamin then and there did to the great damage of the said Benjamin and against the peace & so forth; Whereby he says that he is prejudiced and hath damage One hundred pounds current money and therefore he brings Suit & so forth &c

Wm Pinkney Pledges & so forth John Doe & Rd Roe

Which aforegoing declaration in Ejectment was sent a notice thereto annexed in manner and form following to wit &c

To Mrs Ann Lane & Mr Thomas Lane of Ann arundel County

I am informed that you are in possession or claim title to the premises in this Declaration of ejectment mentioned or to some part thereof; and being sued in this action as casual Ejector and having no claim or title to the same, do advise you to appear the first day of the next Term of the General Court for the Western shore to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next, by some attorney of that Court, and then and there by rule of the same Court to cause yourself to be made Defendant in my stead; otherwise I shall suffer Judgment to be entered against me and you will be turned out of possession.

To Mrs Ann Lane & Mr Benjamin Lane Tenants in possession

Your Obt Servt John Badtitle

At which said second tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, come into the General Court here, the said Benjamin Goodtitle lessee of the said Jerom Plummer, Gerard Plummer, John Plummer, Joseph Pemberton Plummer & John Cowman and Mary his wife by Philip Barton Key his attorney and the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to wit, Richard Harwood to whom a copy of the aforegoing Declaration in Ejectment and notice was in form aforesaid sent, likewise comes and makes return of the Execution thereof to the Court here in manner and form following to wit &c

To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court.

I hereby certify, that on the thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety six, I delivered to Ann Lane and Thomas Lane Tenants in possession of a tract or parcel of land called Brensley Hall, alias Brensly Hall, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, an official copy of a Declaration in Ejectment, filed in the General Court office of the Western Shore, at the suit of