Robert Goldsborough Esquire. Chief Judge of the said General court. the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. Issued the 21st. day of January 1799. (J. Johnson) Jnº. Green Clk.

At which mentioned second tuesday of may being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ. the honorable the Chief Justice. Associate Justices and Clerk of Harford county court to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid made and directed in pursuance thereof and according to the form and effect of the act of assembly in such case made and provided make return thereof: to the court here: with the following record. to wit. —

Pleas at a County court court held in and for Harford county at the court house in Bell Air on the third monday in march seventeen hundred and ninety nine before the Justices of said county court of whom were.

Present

The Honble | Henry Ridgely Esquire Chief Justice
Benedict Edward Hall and William Smithson | Esquires Associates

Robert Amoss Junior Sheriff — John Lee Gibson clerk

among other were the following proceedings. to wit. —

David West's Lessee vs Zenas & Isaac Hughes

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the twenty fifth day of January seventeen hundred and ninety eight. William Piles late of Harford county Gentleman was attached to answer to Richard Smith of a plea wherefore with force and arms he entered into all that tract of plantable land with the appurtenances called Jarrells Disappointment containing one hundred and fifteen and a half acres of plantable land lying in Harford county aforesaid which David West to him the said Richard for a term which is not yet expired and ejected him from his said farm and other wrongs to him did to the great damage of him the said Richard and against the peace Government and dignity of the state of Maryland its good rule and government and so forth. And whereupon the said Richard by Aquila Hall his attorney complains that whereas the said David on the first day of July seventeen hundred and ninety seven at Harford county aforesaid had demised to the said Richard the tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances To have and to hold the tenements with the appurtenances to the said Richard and his assigns from the thirtieth day of June then last past to the end and term of ten years from thence next following

and to be fully complete and ended by virtue of which demise the said Richard entered into the said tenement with the appurtenances and was thereof possessed: and the said Richard being so thereof possessed the said William afterwards that is to say on the said first day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven with force and arms that is to say with swords staves and knives entered into the said tenement with the appurtenances which the said David West demised to the said Richard in form aforesaid for the term aforesaid which is not yet expired and ejected the said Richard out of his said farm and other wrongs to him did to the great damage of the said Richard and against the peace government and dignity of the state of Maryland its good rule and government and so forth whereby the said Richard saith he is injured and hath damage to the value of fifty pounds and therefore he brings suit and so forth.

Aquila Hall pro. Qu. — John Doe and Richard Roe pleages Vt.

Gentlemen

I am informed that you are in possession or claim title to the premises mentioned in this declaration of Ejectment or to some part thereof and I being sued in this action as a casual Ejector and having no claim or title to the same do advise you to appear at the next court to be held for Harford county on the third monday in march next at Bell Air by some Attorney of that Court and then and there by rule to be made of the same court to cause yourself to be made Defendants in my stead otherwise I shall suffer Judgment to be entered against me and you will be turned out of possession. —

To Messrs. Zenas & Isaac Hughes Tenants in possession 5th September 1797

Your loving friend William Piles

At which said third monday in march it being the third monday in march seventeen hundred and ninety eight cometh the aforesaid Richard Smith by Aquila Hall his attorney and now likewise cometh here the Sheriff of Harford county to wit Robert Amoss Junior and maketh return here that he served a copy of the aforesaid declaration in Ejectment the twenty fifth day of January seventeen hundred and ninety eight. And now here likewise cometh Zenas Hughes and Isaac Hughes by John Johnson their Attorney who (with leave first had) defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that they are in no wise guilty of the trespass and Ejectment aforesaid as the said Richard above complains against him and thereof they put themselves upon the country and the said Richard doth likewise the same. Therefore let a Jury come thereupon before the Justices of Harford county court at the court house in the said county on the third monday in august next who neither are so forth, to recognize whether the said Zenas and Isaac Hughes be guilty of the trespass and Ejectment aforesaid