cannot, however it is my sincere wish that all and every kind of vexatious proceedings that accumilates unnecessary expences to both parties should cease and be at an end; in these sentiments I flatter myself you will readily acquiesce, and consent to my proposals, leaving still the main point of controversy to be decided by the proper tribunals — if on the contrary you reject every offer I can make towards an amicable adjustment of our differences I am fully prepared and determined to prosecute all legal measures.

I am Madam, Your Obt. Hble. Servt.
W. Alexander.

Thomas B Shipley being duly sworn before me on his oath did say that he knows the hand writing of William Alexander, and hath seen him write; and that the within letter is written and signed by the said William Alexander and was received by the said Rachel Shipley on the day of its date or the day after.

Sworn before me this 2nd day of June 1804
Lewis Duvall

To Mrs. Rachel Shipley and Thomas B Shipley as I have bough the part of victory next to me and Alexander this morning is giving me possession of that cornfieald next to James Poole if you have any right come and show it as I am plowing and sewing of that fieald, from your humble Servt. Richard Mercier Thursday Morning August 25th 1803

Thomas B Shipley personally appeared before me and made Oath on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that he is well accquainted with the hand writing of him the said Mercer, and that the within letter is written and was signed by him the said Mercer and was delivered to the said Rachel Shipley on the day of its date. Sworn before me this 2nd day of June 1804
Lewis Duvall

William Alexander
vs
Rachel Shipley

In the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland.
Ejectment

Personally appeared Samuel Welch

Welch of Anne Arundel County, who being duly sworn on his oath did say; That he is well acquainted with the tract of land called Frog Range in the said County whereof this action is brought, and with the lines and bounds thereof; and that on the twenty fifth day of August now last past, he went with Rachel Shipley the Defendant to a certain enclosed field part of the said tract, and there in her possession, where they found the Plaintiff William Alexander and a certain Richard Mercer, which said Richard Mercer, with two pistols hung to his side, was then employed in plowing and sowing the said field; on which the Defendant went towards him and asked him what he meant by plowing her Land, or words to that effect; and he, presenting his pistol replied, that she must keep he distance, and that he was resolved to proceed in cultivating the said Land, and to retain possession of it; for which he alledged that he had authority from the Plaintiff, who was to support him in what he then was doing, Whereupon the plaintiff declared to the Defendant that he was resolved to take and keep possession of the said Land, and had come thither for that purpose, and would support the said Mercer in what he was doing. He also directed the said Mercer to proceed in plowing and sowing the field, which he accordingly did; and hath frequently since declared in the hearing of this deponent that he was resolved to reap the grain so sowed.

And the said Deponent further saith, that some time in the Month of December now last past, about sixty eight pannels of fence were removed and carried away from the said Land called Frog Range, being part of the enclosure of a field now and then in the possession of the Defendant and then actually in cultivation by her; and that the aforesaid Richard Mercer hath since declard to this deponent that the said fence was removed by him, that it was his right, and that he would remove it and dispose of it as he pleased.

And the deponent further saith that in the latter part of the Month of March now last past, he went with the said Defendant to another enclosed field then in

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