the actual occupation and cultivation of the Defendant and also part of the said tract called Frog Range; when and where the found a certain William Hincks, with some other persons, and several slaves belonging to himself who were employed in grubbing cleaning and clearing the said field, and preparing it for a crop of Tobacco, Whereupon the defendant asked the said Hincks what he meant by such conduct, and required of him to depart with his slaves from the said land; and he replied that Mr. Alexander (meaning the Plaintiff) had authorised him to take possession of the said field and to hold and cultivate it, and was to protect him in so doing; and that he was resolved to hold and cultivate it accordingly; which he in fact continues to do; and is now, as this Deponent believes, preparing to plant the said field with a crop of Tobacco.

Sworn before
Lewis Duvall
May 26th. 1804

William Alexander vs Rachel Shipley } In the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland.
May 30th. 1804.

Personally appeared before me Samuel Welch Junr. of Ann Arundel County, who being duly sworn on his oath did say, that he is well acquainted with the land called Frog Range in the said County Wherefore 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 of land called Frog Range and then in her possession, where they found the Plaintiff William Alexander and a certain Richard Mercer, with two pistols hung to his sides, was then employed in plowing and sowing the said field on which the Defendant went toward him and asked him what he meant by plowing her lands or words to that effect, and he presenting a pistol, replied that she must keep her distance, and that he was resolved

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to proceed in cultivating the said land, and to retain possession of it, for which he alledged, he had authority from the Plaintiff who was to support him in what he then was doing; Wherefore 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 then doing, he also advised the said Mercer to proceed in plowing and sowing the field; which he accordingly did; and has declared in the presence of this deponent that he was resolved to keep the grain he sowed;

And the said Deponent further saith that to his certain knowledge a certain William Hincks is now cultivating of another field that was enclosed and in possession of said defendant which is also the land called Frog Range

Sworn before
Leaven Lawrence

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Personally appeared before me Thomas Shipley 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, wherefore 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 then 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 sides 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 lands or words to that effect, and he presenting his pistol replied, that she must keep her distance and that he was resolved to proceed in cultivating the said lands and to retain possession of it for which he alledged he had authority from the plaintiff who was to support him in what he was then doing, wherefore the Plaintiff declared to the defendant that he was resolved

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