to the said Edward Norwood to be directed in Common form and your orator will pray &c.

J. Winchester Compts Solr.

On this 11th October 1799 Before me one of the aldermen of the City of Annapolis appeared Samuel Norwood and made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing Bill are true to the best of his knowledge

Sworn before
Samuel H. Howard
Reg Cur Cancr

Whereupon accordingly issued Subpoena and Injunction against the said Edward Norwood returnable to the next Court agreeably to the prayer of the said Bill, at which next Court, to wit, the third Tuesday of December seventeen hundred and ninety nine; Came the Sheriff of Baltimore County and made return of the said Subpoena thus endorsed "Summoned" and the said Injunction "Served" and at the same Term Philip B. Key Esquire of Counsel with the defendant and appeared to the said Bill and the defendant at the said Term by his solicitor aforesaid filed his answer in the words following, to wit,

The answer of Edward Norwood to the Bill of Complaint of Samuel Norwood

This defendant saving to himself now and at all times hereafter all and all manner of advantage and benefit of exception to the many defects, imperfections and untruths in the Complainants Bill Contained yet for answer thereto or so much as this defendant is advised is material he answers and says

That Nicholas Fitzimmons Grandfather of the

Complainant and defendant was seised in fee simple of the lands mentioned in the Complainants Bill and being so seised duly made his last will and testament and therein and thereby devised the same to the heirs male of the body of his daughter Mary Fitzimmons, as by a Copy of his will hereunto filed (No 1) will appear and which the defendant prays may be taken as part of this his answer. This defendant says the said Mary was sole and unmarried at the time of making the said will and at the time of the testators death but afterwards married Edward Norwood the father of this defendant by whom she had issue three sons viz Nicholas who died unmarried and without legitimate issue but who being of full age devised his estate to his natural Children as by his will (reference being thereto had) more at large appears 2dly This defendant Edward Norwood and 3dly the Complainant Samuel Norwood

This defendant is advised and believes that he is entitled under the will of his Grandfather and by the death of his brother to the whole of said land and therefore from the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven to this time he hath refused and still does refuse to let the Complainant have half of said land as not being entitled thereto and this defendant hath adopted that measure in order that the right and title said lands may be established and examined into by a Court of Justice and he is willing to submit to the decision of this Court in the premises

This defendant denies that he hath Committed waste and destruction on the said land by felling and removing and selling Timber and other Trees from said Land as is untruly stated in the said Bill and he denies that he hath cut down and sold great quantities of wood from off the said land, on the Contrary he hath been careful of the