And thereupon on motion of the said Thomas Meeke by his Attorney aforesaid it is prays by the Court here that the said Peuton Hammond, Leonard Manoner and Philip Hammond answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Thomas Meeke in the plea aforesaid or judgment by the Court here will be entered against them in default thereof; And the said Peuton Hammond, Leonard Manoner and Philip Hammond by their attornies aforesaid, come and defend the force and injury when and sofortto. and say they are not guilty of the trespass aforesaid, as he the said Thomas Meeke above against them complains and of this they put themselves upon the Country and sofortto. and the said Thomas Meeke in like manner and sofortto. Whereupon for trying the issue aforesaid it is ordered by the Court here, that twenty persons from the pannel of petit jurors returned to the Court here by the sheriff of Anne Arundel County be drawn by ballot according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided. and because a sufficient number of persons on the said pannel have not appeared, others from the by standers are by order of the Court there summoned and returned by the sheriff aforesaid and whose names are annexed to the said pannel; and thereupon twenty persons being so drawn by ballot and written upon two lists, one of which said lists is delivered to the Counsel for the respective parties, and the Counsel for each of the said parties having stricken out four persons from the said lists thereupon the remaining twelve persons being called come, that is to say, Henry Johnson, John Siams, Jacob Franklin, Thomas Norris of John, Henry Chiles, John S. Bell, Daniel B. Ridgely, Thomas Woodfield, Joseph Harwood, Thomas Bicknell, Robert Carr and Seth Sweater who being empannelled and sworn to say the truth in the premises upon their oath do say, that the said Peuton Hammond, Leonard Manoner and Philip Hammond are guilty of the premises above upon them imposed, in manner and form as the said Thomas Meeke above against them complains and they assess the Damages of him the said Thomas Meeke by occasion of the premises to the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars Current Money; Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Thomas Meeke recover against the said Peuton Hammond, Leonard Manoner and Philip Hammond the said sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars Current Money his Damages aforesaid by the jury aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed, as also the sum of twenty three Dollars and sixty six cents and two thirds of a cent Current Money for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended and sofortto to the said Thomas Meeke by the Court here with his assent adjudged; And the said Peuton Hammond, Leonard Manoner and Philip Hammond in mercy and sofortto.

Memorandum. Before the hour aforesaid withdrew from the bar of the Court here, the said Peuton Hammond, Leonard Manoner and Philip Hammond by their attornies aforesaid file in Court here

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the following Bill of Exception, to wit:

Thomas Meeke
vs
Peuton Hammond
Leonard Manoner &
Philip Hammond

In the trial of this cause the Defendant in support of the issue on his part offered in evidence to the jury a patent for a tract of Land called Hammonds Plains granted to Regin Hammond on the 4th day of August 1797. And also offered in evidence to the jury that the place where the trespass was proved to have been committed by the Defendants was situated on the land included in the said patent. And the defendants then offered to read to the Jury the following paper the signature to which was proved to be in the hand writing of the said patentee and which paper is as followeth, to wit:

Ann Arundel County 26th of July 1809. I do hereby certify that I requested Philip Hammond to dispossess and pull down my house standing on my tract of land called Hammonds Plains in the County aforesaid which he certain Thomas Meeke of the said County did enter and take possession in a willegal and unlawful manner.

Regin Hammond

Which paper the defendants offered as evidence to prove the Defendants pulled down the house in the Declaration mentioned by and under the authority of said Hammond the patentee. But the said Court refused to suffer the said paper to be read to the jury; to which refusal the Defendants by their Counsel prayed liberty to except and that the Court would sign and seal this Bill of Exception which is accordingly done this 26th day of September 1810.

Richard B. Harwood (Seal)

Memorandum. Judgment was rendered in this cause on the twenty seventh day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ten for the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars Current Money the Damages aforesaid and costs of suit.

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Afterwards to wit on the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ten, the said Peuton Hammond, Leonard Manoner and Philip Hammond by their attornies aforesaid produced the writ of the State of Maryland for the correcting of errors of and upon the Judgment aforesaid directed to the Judges of the third Judicial District in the words and of the tenor following, to wit. Maryland ss. The State of Maryland To the Honourable the Judges of the third Judicial District Greeting. Because in the Record and process and also in the rendering of Judgment in a certain action brought by Thomas Meeke against Peuton Hammond Leonard Manoner and Philip Hammond in Anne Arundel County Court for the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars Damages and Costs of suit at a County Court held before you our said Judges at September term, manifest

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