Court to be held at Annapolis the Second Tuesday in April next

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Talbot County this thirtieth day of March Anno Dom. One Thousand Seven hundred and forty nine

(Seal)

And now here at this Day to wit the said Second Tuesday of April being the 10th day of the same Month Anno Dom. 1750. Comes into his Lordships Provincial Court here as well the aforesaid Jacob Bromwell by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Anthony Lecompte by Edward Dorsey his Attorney aforesaid And the aforesaid Jacob Bromwell by his said Attorney Complains against the aforesaid Anthony Lecompte in the Plea aforesaid as follows Viz.t

Mayland Talbot County ss. Anthony Lecompte late of Talbot County Planter was Attached to Answer unto Jacob Bromwell of a Plea wherefore Whereas he the said Jacob in his Damage at the County aforesaid had taken eight Shoats and the same Shoats according to the Laws & Customs of England and this Province of Mayland had Impounded he the said Anthony the Pound aforesaid with force and arms did break and the said Shoats did take and drive away and other harms to the said Jacob did to the great Damage of the same Jacob and against the Peace &c. And Whereupon the same Jacob Bromwell by James Tilghman his Attorney Complains That Whereas on the Tenth day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and forty nine at the County aforesaid he the said Jacob had taken Doing Damage in his Close at the County aforesaid called Cove Hall Containing by Estimation One hundred Acres be the same more or less eight Shoats and them then and there according to the Laws and Customs of England and of this Province of Mayland had Impounded in his Pound the aforesaid Anthony that Pound with force and Arms &c. then and there did break and the same Shoats did take and carry away and other harms to him did to the great Damage of the same Jacob and against the Peace &c. to his Damage Twenty Pounds and therefore he brings Suit &c.

Pledges &c.a John Doe & Richd. Roe

And the said Anthony Lecompte by his Attorney aforesaid defends the force & Injury when &c. and prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 11th Day of September Anno Dom. 1750 Come again the said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 9th Day of April Anno Dom. 1751. Come again the said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the 10th Day of September Anno Dom. 1751. comes again as well the said Jacob Bromwell by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Anthony Lecompte by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Anthony Lecompte by his said Attorney as before defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that he is not Guilty of the Promises aforesaid in manner and form so as the aforesaid Jacob Bromwell above against him hath Complained and of this he puts himself upon the Country and the Plaintiff also

Whereupon for Trying the Issue aforesaid Command is given to the Sheriff of

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Anne Arundel County that he immediately cause to come here Twelve good and Lawfull Men of his Bailiwick by whom &c. who neither &c. to Recognize &c. because as well &c. of which said Precept the said Sheriff to wit John Gassaway Esqr. makes return that he has here ready Twelve &c. as by his said Precept he was Commanded to wit John Fitz, John Stiles, Benjamin Alt. Thomas Ringgold, Thomas Winchester, William Dashiell, George Medford, Samuel Marshall, Richard Sedgwick, Arthur Miller, David Patterson and Benjamin Gaither who being duly Elected Tryed and Sworn to say the Truth in the Premises upon their Oath do say That the aforesaid Anthony Lecompte is Guilty of the Premises aforesaid in manner and form so as the aforesaid Jacob Bromwell above against him hath Complained and do assess the Damages of the aforesaid Jacob Bromwell by occasion thereof beyond his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended to the Sum of five shillings Current Money

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here That the said Jacob Bromwell recover against the said Anthony Lecompte as well the Sum of five Shillings Current Money his Damages aforesaid by the Jurors aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed as also the Sum of

10£2 3/D Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him on his Assent Adjudged for his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c. Test. JBurgess Clk

Cg. Jacob Bromwell a. Vs. B. Anthony Lecompte } Mem.d the Defendant by Edward Dorsey his Attorney Sued out this Lordships Writ of Habeas Corpus the Tenor whereof follows in these Words (Viz.t)

Mayland ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Propry. of the Provinces of Mayland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Justices and Sheriff of Talbot County Greeting Whereas a certain Anthony Lecompte late of Talbot County Planter is detained in the Prison of our said County under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the Suit of a certain Jacob Bromwell of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case which said Plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined We being willing for divers Causes that the Plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Justices of our Provincial Court therefore Command you that you have the Body of the said Anthony Lecompte by whatsoever Name he be called in the Plea aforesaid together with the Day and Cause of his Caption and Detainer with all things thereunto relating before the Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the Second Tuesday of April next that our said Justices of our Provincial Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains &c. hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then there this Writ Witness Benjamin Young Esqr. Chief Justice of our said Provincial Court the 31.st day of October in the 35.th Year of our Dominion &c. Anno Dom. 1749.

Issued Jan.ry 20.th 1749. (Ed Dorsey) JBurgess Clk

Allowed per Robert Gordon

At which said Second Tuesday of April to wit the 10.th Day of the same Month Anno Dom. 1750 being the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ the Justices and Sheriff of Talbot County in Compliance with the Writ aforesaid make return thereof to the Court here with the following Record thereto annexed Viz.t

In the Records and Proceedings of Talbot County amongst other things are Contained as follows Viz.t

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