the Negroes and Mulatto aforesaid as the aforesaid Nathan Samuel Turbutt Wright and Thomas Wright have by their Writ and Declaration aforesaid above Supposed and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid Nathan Samuel Turbutt Wright and Thomas Wright Executors as aforesaid their Action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain Ought and so forth — And the aforesaid John Coursey by leave of the Court here and according to the form of the Statute in such Cases made and Provided further defends the force and Injury when and so forth and Protesting that the Declaration aforesaid and the Matter therein Contained are not Sufficient in Law for the said Nathan Samuel Turbutt Wright and Thomas Wright Executors as aforesaid to have or Maintain their Action aforesaid to which he hath no need nor by the Law of the Land is bound to Answer for Plea Nevertheless the said John Coursey Saith that the Property of the same Negroes and Mulatto at the aforesaid time of taking thereof was in a certain Thomas Coursey the Son of him the said John without that, that the property of the Negroes and Mulatto aforesaid at the aforesaid Time of taking there of was in them the said Nathan Samuel Turbutt Wright and Thomas Wright as by their Declaration aforesaid have above Supposed and this he is ready to Verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesaid Nathan Samuel Turbut Wright and Thomas Wright Executors as aforesaid their Action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain Ought and so forth

And the Executors Say that by any thing in the first plea of the said John above pleaded Alledged they ought not to be precluded from having their Action aforesaid against the said John because they Say that the said John within three Years next before the Impetration of the Original Writ of their Original Writ afsd

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to wit the day of Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and at the County aforesaid the said John, the Negroes and Mulatto aforesaid did take and unjustly detain and of this they put themselves upon the Country &c. And the aforesaid John in like manner —

And as to the Second Plea of the said John they say that by any thing therein alledged they Ought not to be Precluded from having their Action aforesaid against the said John because they Say that the said Negroes and Mulatto aforesaid at the time of the Taking of them were the Property of the said Thomas Hynson Wright in his life time and not the Property of the said Thomas Coursey as the said John by Pleading above has Alledged and this he prays may be Enquired of by the Country &c. — And the afsd John in like manner —

Whereupon for Trying the Issues aforesaid Command is given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County that he cause to come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of May next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Wednesday the Twentieth day of April next to the County Court House in the said County come Twelve Good and Lawfull men of his Bailiwick by whom &c. who neither &c. to Recognize &c. because as well &c. afterwards the Process Continued between the Parties aforesaid in the Plea aforesaid by the Jury being put thereon in respite here untill the third Tuesday of May next unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary to take the Assizes in the said County Assigned on Wednesday the Twentieth day of April next to the County Court house in the said County Shall Come —

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