Ts. Benjamin Buckmaster
against
Ptt. Joseph Fowler ..... } Memorandum the Defendant sued out his Lordships writ of Certiorari the Tenor whereof follows in these words to wit } Maryland ss. Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and so forth To the Justices and Sheriff of Calvert County Greeting We being willing for certain Causes to be Certified of the Record and Proceedings of a certain Action before you depending between Benjamin Buckmaster Plaintiff and Joseph Fowler Defendant of a plea of taking and detaining a Negro Girl called Patt We Command you that the Record and proceedings in the Action aforesaid with all things thereunto relating as far as before you it remains by whatsoever Names the parties in the same are distinguished to our Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the second Tuesday in April next under your Hands and Seals you send together with this Writ that our said Justices may further do therein that which of Right they see ought to be done Witness John Brice Esq. Chief Justice of our Provincial Court the 26th Day of September in the 11th Year of our Dominion &c. Annoque Dominie 1761.

Issued the 12th Day of November 1761 J. Hall Averdy Ghiselin Clk

Allowed per Jno. Brice

And now here at this Day to wit the 13th Day of April Anno Domini 1762 being the Day of the Return of the aforegoing Writ the Justices and Sheriff of Calvert County in compliance therewith send here the following Record and Proceedings before them had to wit,

Calvert County ss. November Court Anno Domini 1761

At a County Court of the Right Honourable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. held at Prince Frederick Town in and for the said County the third Tuesday and seventeenth Day of November in the eleventh Year of his said Lordships Dominion &c. Before

James Weems

David Arnold, William Allnutt, Young Garran, Samuel Chew, Charles Grahame, James Somervell

Capt. Jos. Beall Gent Shff. Wieland Clk.

Worshipful Gentlemen Justices by his said Lordships Commission of the peace

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in and for the said County Lawfully Assigned &c.

In the Records and Proceedings of the said County Court amongst others is found the following Proceedings

Ts. Benjamin Buckmaster } Replevin amov. & Certiorari to the Prov. Court
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Ptt. Joseph Fowler ... } Calvert County ss. Joseph Fowler late of Calvert County planter was summoned to answer unto Benjamin Buckmaster of a plea wherefore one Negro Girl called Patt the proper Negro of him the said Benjamin against sureties and pledges he took and unjustly detains and so forth And whereupon the said Benjamin by Thomas Clark his Attorney complains that the aforesaid Joseph on the Tenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty one at a certain place called the Cornfield at Calvert County aforesaid did take one Negro Girl named Patt the proper Negro of him the said Benjamin and the said Negro unjustly detains against sureties and pledges and so forth whereforeof the said Benjamin saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of Sixty pounds Current Money and therefore the said Benjamin brings suit and so forth Pledges &c. Jn. Doe & Rich Roe

And now here at this Day to wit the third Tuesday of March being the 17th Day of the same Month Anno Domini 1761 Comes here at Prince Frederic Town before the Justices of Calvert County Court in Court Judicially sitting as well the aforesaid Benjamin Buckmaster by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Joseph Fowler by Thomas Brooke his Attorney and the aforesaid Joseph by his said Attorney comes and defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays that upon giving Security to the Satisfaction of this Court he may have his Lordships the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietarys Writ of Return. Habend. for the redelivery of the aforesaid Negro Patt in the Declaration above mentioned into his possession which prayer is by the Court Granted and thereupon the said Joseph by his Attorney aforesaid prays Liberty hereof to imparle until the third Tuesday in June next and he hath it the same Day is given to the plaintiff also At which said third Tuesday in June next to wit the 16th Day of the same Month in the Year aforesaid come again the aforesaid Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid And the said Defendant by his said Attorney defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays further Liberty hereof to imparle until the third Tuesday in August next and he hath it the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also At which said third Tuesday in August next to wit the 10th Day of the same Month in the Year aforesaid come again the said Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid And the said Defendant

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