despaired of and other Enormities to him &c to the great Damage of the said Joseph Adams and against the Peace of the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his good rule and Government &c

And Whereupon the said Joseph by John Hall his Attorney complains that the said Francis on the first Day of June in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Sixty four at Prince Georges County aforesaid with Force and arms to wit Swords Cudgels Fists Knives upon him the said Joseph and Assault did make and him the said Joseph did then & there beat wound & evilly treat so that his life was greatly despaired of and other Harms to him the said Joseph then and there did to the great Damage of him the said Joseph and against the Peace of the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is his good rule and Government Wherefore the said Joseph saith he is the Worse and hath Damage to the Value of One thousand Pounds Current Money and therefore he suit &c Pledges &c John Doe & Rich. Roe

And the aforesaid Francis King by Thomas Jennings his Attorney comes and defends the force and injury when &c and prays leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also At which said next Court to wit the Ninth Day of April Anno Domini 1765 comes 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 untill 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 Domini 1765 comes 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 untill next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the Plaintiff also At which said next Court to wit the 8th Day of April Anno Domini 1766 Comes again as well the said Joseph Adams by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Francis King by his Attorney by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Francis King by his said Attorney as before Defends the force and injury when &c and saith that he is not Guilty of the trespass and Assault aforesaid as the aforesaid Joseph above against him hath Declared and of this he puts himself upon the Country and so forth and the Plaintiff in like manner and so forth And the aforesaid Francis by leave of the Court here and according to the Form of the statute in such Case lately made and Provided comes Defends the force and injury when &c and as to the forcing with force and arms and whatsoever is against the Peace of (the)

the same Lord Proprietary the same Francis saith that he is not guilty thereof and of this he puts himself upon the Country and so forth and the said Joseph in like manner and so forth and as to the Residue of the trespass and Assault aforesaid above supposed to have been done the same Francis saith that the said Joseph ought not to have or maintain his Action aforesaid thereof against him because he saith that the same Joseph at the time when the Residue of the trespass and Assault aforesaid is above supposed to be done at Prince Georges County aforesaid with force and arms &c on him the said Francis did make an Assault and him the said Francis then & there would have beat wounded and evilly treated unless he the said Francis had then & there immediately defended himself against the said Joseph wherefore the said Francis did then & there defend himself against the said Joseph and so the said Francis saith that the evil or Damage if any did then & there happen to the said Joseph was from the Proper Assault of him the said Joseph and in defence of him the said Francis and this he is ready to verify and so forth Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Joseph his Action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought &c so forth and the aforesaid Joseph as to the Second plea of the said Francis above pleaded saith that he by anything in the said Second plea alledged from having and maintaining his action aforesaid thereof against him the same Francis to be precluded ought not because he says that the said Joseph on the Day and Year aforesaid in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned at the County aforesaid of his own wrong and without such cause by him the said Francis above by pleading alledged made an Assault on him the same Joseph and him the same Joseph then & there beat wounded and evilly treated in manner and form as the same Joseph above against him complains and this he prays may be enquired into by the Country and the aforesaid Francis in like manner and so forth

Whereupon for trying the issues aforesaid Command is given to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County that he cause to come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Thursday the twenty fifth Day of September next to the County Court House in the said County come twelve good and lawful 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 October next unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary to take the Assizes in the said County Assigned on Thursday the twenty fifth Day of September next to the County Court House in the said County shall come

And now here at this Day to wit the 21st Day of October Anno Domini 1766 Comes again into his Lordships Provincial Court here as well the said Joseph Adams by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Francis King by his