September Term 1772.

And Now at this day ~~to wit~~ the said Second Tuesday of September being the Eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy two, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes into the Provincial Court here the said Sarah Gravy by her attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Kent county to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the court here thus endorsed to wit.

Not executed Thos. Smyth shff.

Test Reverdy Ghiselin Clk.

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John H. Dorsey & John Wilmott vs Thomas Sligh

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the third day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy, John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmott by Thomas Jennings their attorney prosecuted and said forth out of the High court of chancery His Lordships writ of Replevin directed to the sheriff of Baltimore county in form following 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 sheriff of Baltimore county Greeting. Whereas John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmott of Baltimore county planters have come into our High court of chancery and found sufficient sureties as well for their clamour to prosecute as for the following negroes to wit Grace, Ruth, Molly, India, Sall, Rachel Women & Girls also Cesar Jno. Adam, London Jack the Son of Ruth George and Joshua men and Boys, the proper negroes which were the said John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmott, which Thomas Sligh of Baltimore County aforesaid hath taken and unjustly detains against Sureties and pledges as it is said to be returned if the return thereof shall be adjudged; We therefore command you that the said negroes to the aforesaid John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmott be replevied and delivered you cause and that you put by sureties and safe pledges the said Thomas Sligh that he be and appear before the Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the Second Tuesday of April next to answer unto the aforesaid John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmot of a plea of taking and unjustly detaining the negroes aforesaid, and how you shall execute this writ that you make known to the Justices of the same Court the day and place aforesaid, and have you then and there this writ. Witness our trusty and well beloved Robert Eden Esq. chancellor of our said province this 3d day of March in the 19th year of our Dominion & Anno Domini 1770.

T Jennings James Brookes Regr cancr.

At which said Second Tuesday of April being the tenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, come into the provincial Court here the said John H. Dorsey and John Wilmott by their attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Baltimore County aft. to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the court here thus endorsed to wit.

"I hereby certify to the Honourable Justices within mentioned that by virtue of the within writ, I have replevied the four negroes as aft. schedule hereto annexed will appear, and delivered them to the within named John Hammond Dorsey as by the within writ I am commanded (the other Elegit); and I further certify that I have put by sureties and safe pledges that the within named Thomas Sligh be and appear at the time and place within mentioned to answer unto the aft. John Hammond Dorsey & John Wilmott of a plea of taking and unjustly detaining the negroes aft.

"So answer, Daniel Chamier Shff."

To which aforegoing ~~Schedule~~ return was annexed the following Schedule to wit.

A Schedule of the Goods and chattels of Thomas Sligh taken by the sheriff of Baltimore county, by virtue of His Lordships writ of replevin to the said sheriff directed, and delivered to John Wilmott one of the plaintiffs and to Joseph Cromwell the other plaintiff atty in fact viz.

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