1 negro woman negro woman named Ruth	£36.0.0
1 negro Boy named Jack	40.0.0
1 Do Girl named Rachel	23.0.0
1 Do Boy named Joshua	24.0.0
Maryland Currency	£128.0.0

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto sett our hands & seals this 5th day of April 1770.

Abraham Wright (Seal) David Gorsuch (Seal) Moses Galloway (Seal)
John Gorsuch (Seal)

And the said Thomas Sligh so forewarned by Robert Alexander his attorney appears in Court here, and prays a return of the negroes aforesaid so as aforesaid replevied and delivered to the said John H Dorsey and John Wilmot by the sheriff of Baltimore County aft. in Virtue of the said writ of replevin which is granted unto him, upon giving Bond and Security, to be approved of by the Court here, conditional for a return of the said negroes, &c. whereupon the said Thomas Sligh by his said attorney, files in Court here a certain writing obligatory, commonly called a returno habendo bond, in form and tenor following viz.

Maryland Gt. Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Sligh Joseph Ensor & John Lees are held and firmly bound unto John Ellicott and John Hammond Dorsey of Baltimore County in the full and just sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds current money to be paid unto the said John Wilmott and John Hammond Dorsey their executors administrators or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this day of April seventeen hundred and seventy. Whereas the above named John Wilmott and John Hammond Dorsey have sued out of his Lordships High Court of Chancery his Lordships writ of replevin returnable to this provincial Court to replevy sundry negroes, therein named in the possession of the said Thomas Sligh, and whereas the sheriff of Baltimore County hath returned to the said provincial Court that he hath replevied one negro woman named Ruth, one negro Boy named Jack, one negro Girl named Rachel and one negro Boy named Joshua and the said negroes slaves hath delivered to the said John Wilmott and John Hammond Dorsey to which writ the said Thomas Sligh hath appeared in the said Court in order to defend his right to the said negroes. Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that in Case the said John Wilmott and John Hammond Dorsey shall obtain judgment in the provincial Court in their favor on the said replevin that then the said Thomas Sligh shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the said John Wilmott and John Hammond Dorsey the above named negroes or such of them as the said John Wilmott and John Hammond Dorsey shall recover judgment as aforesaid for, and pay all costs therein and otherwise comply with and satisfy such judgment that then the above obligation shall be void otherwise to be and remain in full force.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of
Elisha Hall, Philemon Noble.

Thos. Sligh (Seal)
Joseph Ensor (Seal)
John Lees (Seal) (of Balto)

which being read and heard, and the security in the said bond being approved of by the Court here, thereupon the said Thomas Sligh by his said attorney prosecutes and sues forth out of the provincial Court His Lordships writ of de retorno habendo directed to the sheriff of Baltimore county aforesaid, ~~and the said~~ Thomas Sligh by his attorney aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and wherefore, and prays leave of the court here to imparle untill the next court, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the plaintiff also.

At which next court held the Eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy, come again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said Thomas Sligh by his attorney aft. as before defends the force and injury when and wherefore, and prays further leave of the Court here to imparle untill next court, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the plaintiff also.

At which next court held the ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy, come again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid, and the said John H Dorsey and John Wilmott by their attorney aforesaid, declares against the said Thomas Sligh in the plea aforesaid in manner and form and of the tenor following viz.

Baltimore County viz: Thomas Sligh late of Baltimore County yeoman was summoned to answer unto John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmot in a plea wherefore he took one negro woman named Ruth, one negro Boy named Jack, one negro Girl named Rachel and one negro Boy named Joshua the proper negroes of the said John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmott and them unjustly detain against Gurties and pledges and forfeits. And whereupon the said John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmott by Thomas Jennings their attorney complain that the aforesaid Thomas Sligh on the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy at the County aft. in a certain place there called took the aforesaid negroes viz: one negro woman named Ruth one negro Boy named Jack one negro Girl named Rachel and one negro Boy named Joshua the proper slaves of them the said John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmot, and the same negroes doth unjustly detain against Gurties, and pledges and forfeits as it is said, wherefore the aforesaid John Hammond Dorsey and John Wilmott say they are the wrong and have Damage to the value of two hundred pounds Maryland Currency and therefore they bring Suit and forfeits.

Thos. Jennings pl. Dan. pledges &c. John Doe & Rich. Roe

and the said John H Dorsey and John Wilmott by their attorney aft. pray that the said Thomas Sligh to the declaration aforesaid may answer; thereupon it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Thomas Sligh answer to the declaration of the said John H Dorsey and John Wilmott in the plea aforesaid or judgment will be rendered against him in default thereof; and the said Thomas Sligh by his attorney aft. as before defends the force and injury when and wherefore, and prays further leave of the court here to imparle untill next court, and then to answer to the declaration of the said John H Dorsey and John Wilmot in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said John H Dorsey and John Wilmott also.