Witness the Honourable John Buchanan Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court of Appeals the thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five.

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the same day is given to the said parties then and so forth.

At which said first Monday in December being the fifth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five came again into the Court of Appeals here the parties aforesaid, by their attornies aforesaid: Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, is by virtue of an act of assembly in such case made and provided, further continued, before the Court of Appeals here, until the second Monday in June next, the same day is given to the said parties there then to hear the Judgment of the Court of Appeals here of and upon the said premises and so forth.

At which said second Monday in June being the twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty six came again into the Court of Appeals here, the parties aforesaid, by their attornies aforesaid. But because the Court of Appeals here are not yet advised what Judgment to give of and upon the premises by reason that there has been no return made of the said writ of diminution, a day therefore is further given to the parties aforesaid, with the consent of the said parties by their attornies aforesaid, before the Court of Appeals here until the first Monday in December next, to hear the Judgment of the Court of Appeals here of and upon the said premises, for that the Court now here as yet are not &c.

At which said first Monday in December being the fourth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, come again into the Court of Appeals here the parties aforesaid, by their attornies aforesaid. Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid is by virtue of an act of Assembly in such case made and provided, further continued, before the Court of Appeals here until the second Monday in June next, the same day is given to the said parties there then to hear the judgment of the Court of Appeals here of and upon the said premises &c.

At which said second Monday in June being the eleventh day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven come again into the Court of Appeals here, the parties aforesaid, by their Attornies aforesaid: and the Chief Judge and Associate Judges of the first Judicial District now here certify and return to the Court of Appeals here with the said writ of Diminution a transcript of the record and proceedings aforesaid before them had, and which is contained in the words following to wit.

State of Maryland } At a County Court of the first Judicial District of the State
Charles County &c. } of Maryland begun and held at Port Tobacco in and for Charles County aforesaid on the third Monday in March being the eighteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two and the forty seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Were Present

The Honourable { Edmund Key & John H. Slater } Esquires Judges

Alexander Matthews Esquire Sheriff. John Barnes clk.

In the record of the proceedings of the said Court amongst others is the following to wit.

John T. Stoddert Lessee vs Wilfred Manning

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen Henry Hotspur Lessee of John T. Stoddert by Francis S. Key and John T. Stoddert his attornies declared in the County Court here against John Falstaff in a plea of trespass and ejectment with a notice thereto annexed in manner and form following to wit. "Maryland Charles County to wit John Falstaff late of Charles

County Gentleman was attached to answer unto Henry Hotspur in a plea wherefore with force and arms &c. at the County aforesaid he entered into a certain tract or parcel of plantable land called Rotterdam and William and James lying and being in Charles County aforesaid containing twelve hundred acres with the appurtenances which John T. Stoddert demised to him the said Henry for a term of years which is not yet expired and ejected him from his said farms and other wrongs to the said Henry there did, to the great damage of the said Henry and against the peace government and dignity of the State and so forth. And whereupon the said Henry by Francis S. Key his attorney complains that the said John T. Stoddert heretofore to wit on the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety eight at the County aforesaid had demised to the said Henry all that said tract or parcel of plantable land called Rotterdam and William and James lying and being in the County aforesaid containing twelve hundred acres with the appurtenances, To have and To hold the same to the said Henry and his assigns for the term of twenty years from the thirty first day of December then last past by virtue of which demise as aforesaid the said Henry entered into the said tracts or parcels of plantable land with the appurtenances and was possessed thereof and being so possessed thereof the said John afterwards to wit on the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight aforesaid, with force and arms, that is to say with swords, canes, blunderbusses and knives at the County aforesaid entered into the said tracts or parcels of plantable land with the appurtenances which the said John T. had demised to the said Henry in manner aforesaid for the term aforesaid which is not yet expired and ejected the said Henry from his farms aforesaid and other wrongs to the said Henry then and there did, to the great damage of the said Henry and against the peace government and dignity of the State and so forth. Wherefore the said Henry saith that he is injured and hath sustained damage to the value of ten thousand dollars and therefore he brings his suit and so forth.

F. S. Key, J. T. Stoddert for Plaintiff } Pledges &c. } John Doe &c. Richard Roe.

To Mr. Wilfred Manning Tenant in possession

Sir, I am informed that you are in possession of or claim title to the premises in this declaration mentioned or to some part thereof, and I being sued in this action as casual ejector, and having no claim or title to the same premises, do advise you to appear in the County Court held for Charles County at Charles Town commonly called Port Tobacco on the third Monday in March next by some attorney of that Court to cause yourself to be made Defendant in my stead, otherwise I shall suffer judgment to be entered against me and you will be turned out of possession. I am your friend.

John Falstaff.

To Mr. W. Manning &c.

A copy of which said declaration and notice was made and sent to the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid thereon endorsed "To be served on the defendant tenant in possession or set up on the premises at least eight days before Court."

At which mentioned third Monday in March being the eighteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen and the day of the return of the service of the aforegoing declaration in Ejectment comes into the County Court here the said Henry Hotspur Lessee of the said John T. Stoddert by his attornies aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Charles County aforesaid to wit Thomas A. Davis Gentleman to whom a copy of the said declaration in ejectment and notice as aforesaid, was in form aforesaid made and sent certifies to the Court here the service thereof in form following to wit.

Henry Hotspur Lessee of John T. Stoddert vs John Falstaff Wilfred Manning Tenant

Charles County &c. I hereby certify to the Honourable the Judges of Charles County Court, that I did on the 7th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen set up on the premises mentioned in the declaration hereunto annexed, or some part thereof, with