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and fifty six dollars and twenty five cents current money, a certain debt, as the sum of four thousand Dollars for her damages which she had sustained by reason of the detention of that debt, as also the sum of seven dollars and eleven and two third cents for her cost and charges by her about her suit in that behalf laid out and expended, whereof the said Dent Blakistone is convict, as it appears of record, on which said Judgments the said Francis Knott and Dent Blakistone are about to prosecute out a writ of Injunction, to Saint Mary's County Court, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the said Francis Knott, and Dent Blakistone shall prosecute the said writ of Injunction with effect, and satisfy and pay as well the said sum of money and costs, as all costs, Damages and charges that shall accrue in Saint Mary's County Court, as a Court of Equity, or be occasioned by the delay of execution on the said Judgments unless Saint Mary's County Court, as a Court of Equity, shall decree to the contrary, and shall in all things obey such order and Decree as Saint Mary's County Court, as a Court of Equity, shall make in the premises, then the above obligation to be of none effect, but to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Signed, Sealed and delivered, in the presence of Clem Dorsey

Francis Knott (seal)
Dent Blakistone (seal)
James Daffin (seal)
O B. Brooke (seal)

Whereupon the said Injunction issued in the words following to wit.

Saint Mary's County to wit. The State of Maryland to Blanisus Thomas Greeting Whereas Francis Knott hath exhibited to Saint Mary's County Court as a Court of Chancery, his bill of complaint against you the said Blanisus Thomas, for relief in Equity, and to stay, prohibit, and enjoin you the said Blanisus Thomas, from all further proceedings at Law on three Judgments obtained against the said Francis Knott and Dent Blakistone, in Saint Mary's County Court, by you the said Blanisus Thomas, until the matter shall be heard in Equity, as on the same bill more fully appears, You are therefore hereby commanded and strictly enjoined, that hence forth you stay, surcease, forbear, and altogether desist from all further proceedings at Law on said Judgments, until the further order of the said Court of Equity. Witness the Honourable John Stephen Esquire chief Judge of the said Court, the 18th day of March 1826

Issued the 18th day of March 1826.

C D. Jo Harris clk.

And at the same term the said Francis Knott, by his solicitor aforesaid, filed into Court the following Interrogatories to wit.

Knott
vs.
Cheseldine & others

In Saint Mary's County Court as a Court of Equity
Interrogatories on part of Complainant

Did you hear the Complainant demand of Cheseldine, the Defendant in this cause, possession of the land which he purchased of Thomas, and on which Cheseldine resided; if so, when, and what did Cheseldine say did he refuse to deliver it up; Did he rent the same out to Bowling, and when; and did Bowling enter thereon; Do you know if Knott made any preparations to work the same under the expectations of getting the same, and what were they?

C Dorsey for Complainant

At which next Term, to wit, the first Monday of May, being the first day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County made return of the subpœna against the said Blanisus Thomas, thus endorsed to wit.

'Summoned' William Williams Shff

And the said Injunction was returned to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit

'Injunction thereon' William Williams Shff

And at the same Term Jeremiah Abrey the commissioner named in the

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said commission, made return thereof, together with his proceedings and depositions in the words following to wit.

Saint Mary's County, Sc. At the execution of a commission issued out of Saint Mary's County Chancery Court the 21st day of April 1826. directed to Jeremiah Abrey, of said county, empowering him, to examine evidences in a cause depending in said Court between Francis Knott, complainant, and Reuben Cheseldine, and Maria his wife, Ann Thomas, and Blanisus Thomas administratrix of Edward Thomas, Defendants. I, Jeremiah Abrey, the Commissioner in the said commission named, having met this 1st day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, at Leonard Town, in Abell Tavern, pursuant to notice, and taken the oath to the said commission annexed, and Enoch J. Millard being appointed clerk; and having likewise taken the oath to the said commission annexed, and caused due notice to be given to the parties, or their attornies, of the execution of this commission, the commissioner proceeded to take the following Depositions to wit.

Charles Mason, 38 years of age, or thereabouts, being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God.

Imprimis to the first Interrogatory of Complainant, this Deponent deposeth and saith, that he did hear the complainant demand of Cheseldine one of the Defendants in this cause, possession of the land which he purchased of Thomas, and on which Cheseldine resided some time about the last of January, or first of February, in the year 1824, when Mr Cheseldine, the said Defendant, said he would not give up the possession of the said Land to Mr Knott, or any other man, until the laws of the land took it away from him.

Item, to the second Interrogatory of Complainant, this Deponent saith, that he has no knowledge.

Item to the third Interrogatory of Complainant, this Deponent saith, that he heard Mr Knott say he intended to build a house there, Mr Cheseldine was not present at the time of Mr Knott, and further this deponent saith not.

John Long, of Jno. aged about fifty two years, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God.

Imprimis to the first Interrogatory of Complainant this Deponent deposeth and saith, that he did hear the complainant demand of Cheseldine, one of the Defendants in this cause, possession of the land which he purchased of Thomas, and on which Cheseldine resided some time about the last of January or the first of February in the year 1824, when Cheseldine said he would not give up the land until the laws of the land took it from him.

Item, to the second Interrogatory of Complainant this Deponent saith, that Bowling worked the land in 1824, and lived upon it, and worked it in 1825, but of whom he rented it, he this deponent knows not.

Item, to the third Interrogatory of Complainant this Deponent saith, that Mr Knott told this Deponent that he had purchased an additional house, under that expectation and also a cance.

Question by the Defendants Counsel. Mr Key, was Mr Cheseldine present when Mr Knott told him so? This Defendant answered, that he was not, and further this Deponent saith not.

John S Mason, aged about twenty nine years, being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God.

Imprimis. To the first Interrogatory of Complainant this deponent deposeth and saith, that he knows nothing about it.

Item. To the second Interrogatory of Complainant, this Deponent saith, that he was told by Cheseldine, one of the Defendants, and Bowling the tenant, that he Bowling rented the Land in 1824, of Cheseldine in 1824, that Bowling did not live on the land during that year, but worked the Land, and was to give 2500 or 3000 weight of Tobacco; that Bowling rented it and lived on it in 1825, and was to give 170 or 175 dollars as rent.

Item. To the third Interrogatory of Complainant this Deponent saith, that he has no knowledge; and further this Deponent saith not