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County Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of capias ad respondendum directed to the sheriff of Prince George's County in the words and of the tenor following to wit:

"Prince George's County Set. The State of Maryland to the sheriff of Prince George's County Greeting: You are hereby commanded to take Henry D. Hatton and George Kendrick late of said County yeomen if they shall be found in your Bailiwick and them safe keep, so that you have their bodies before the County Court of Prince George's County to be held at Upper Marlborough Town in the County aforesaid on the first Monday in April next, to answer unto Robert W. Hunter in a plea wherefore with force and arms &c. at the County aforesaid they broke and entered the close of the said Robert W. Hunter called "Boarman's Content" there situate and being, and then and there expelled, put out and removed the said Robert W. Hunter, his servants and slaves from the possession and occupation thereof for a long space of time and other wrongs to the said Robert W. Hunter then and there did to the great damage of the said Robert W. Hunter, and against the peace government and dignity of the State, and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honourable John Stephen Chief Judge of the first Judicial District of Maryland the 10th day of January Anno Domini 1844. - Issued the 16th day of February 1844. - (Bowie) Jno. B. Brooke, Clk."

And the aforesaid plaintiff on the day of prosecuting and suing forth of the aforesaid writ declared against the said defendants in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit.

State of Maryland Prince George's County, Set. Henry D. Hatton and George Kendrick, late of said County yeomen were attached to answer unto Robert W. Hunter in a plea wherefore with force and arms &c. at the County aforesaid they broke and entered a certain close of the said Robert W. Hunter, called "Boarman's Content" there situate and being, and then and there expelled, put out and removed the said Robert W. Hunter, his servants and slaves from the possession and occupation thereof for a long space of time, and other wrongs to the said Robert W. Hunter, then and there did to the great damage of the said Robert W. Hunter, and against the peace government and dignity of the State &c.

And whereupon the said Robert W. Hunter, by Thomas F. Bowie his attorney complains that they the said Henry D. Hatton and George Kendrick heretofore to wit, on the third day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four, at the County aforesaid, with force and arms to wit, with axes spades guns and clubs broke and entered a certain close of the said Robert W. Hunter called "Boarman's Content", there situate and being, and then and there expelled, put out and removed the said Robert W. Hunter, his servants and slaves from the possession and occupation thereof for a long space of time to wit from thence until the suing out of the original writ of the said Robert W. Hunter whereby the said Robert W. Hunter, during all that time, not only lost and was deprived of the use of his said close, but was hindered and prevented from following and exercising his business of a farmer and planter there. And also that they the said Henry D. Hatton, and George

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Kendrick afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid, at the County aforesaid with like force, and arms to wit with axes spades guns and clubs broke and entered a certain House of the said Robert W. Hunter situate, standing and being on the said close called "Boarman's Content", in the County aforesaid, and staid and continued therein for a long time, that is to say from the day and year aforesaid until the suing out the original writ of the said Robert W. Hunter in this behalf, and during the whole time made a great noise disturbance and affray therein, and wrenched and forced open the front and other doors thereof, and the closets drawers chests cupboard and cabinets of the said Robert W. Hunter then and there being and found damaged destroyed, and spoiled and other wrongs to the said Robert W. Hunter then and there did to the great damage of the said Robert W. Hunter, and against the peace government and dignity of the State &c. Wherefore the said Robert W. Hunter saith he is the worse, and hath damage to the value of five thousand dollars current money and therefore he brings suit &c. Thomas F. Bowie, pltffs. Atty."

At which mentioned first Monday of April being the first day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ come again into the County Court here the said plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of the County aforesaid to wit Clk. S. Baldwin gentleman to whom the said aforegoing writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

N. E. Kendrick - Cepi Hatton. - E. S. Baldwin, Shff."

Nevertheless the said defendants appear in Court here by William H. Tuck Esquire their attorney. And thereupon on motion of the said plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said defendants answer the declaration aforesaid of the said plaintiff in the plea aforesaid or judgment would be rendered against them in default thereof -

And the said defendants by their attorney aforesaid, come and defend the force and injury when &c. and say that they are not guilty of the said trespass in manner and form as the said plaintiff above against them hath complained, and of this they put themselves upon the Country &c. -

And thereupon on motion of the said defendants by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said plaintiff reply to the plea aforesaid of the said defendants or judgment would be rendered against him in default thereof. - And the said plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the first Monday of November next to reply to the plea aforesaid of the said defendants and to him it is granted, the same day is given to the said defendants then and so forth. -

At which mentioned first Monday of November being the fourth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and being the day until which the said plaintiff had leave of the Court here to imparle to reply to the plea aforesaid of the said defendants come again into the County Court here, the parties aforesaid by their attornies aforesaid - And the said plaintiff by his attorney aforesaid prays further leave of the Court here to imparle until the