and then and there by rule of thesaid 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 loving friend
Richard Dunn, April 6th 1815

To Mr Thomas Reed, Tenant in possession of the premises, or some part thereof.

A Copy of which said Declaration and Notice was made and sent to the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County aforesaid thereon endorsed, to be served on the defendant, tenant in possession of the premises or some part thereof, a left at his last place of abode eight days exclusive before the next Session of Queen Ann's County Court – At which mentioned last Monday of this being the first day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and the day of the return of the service of the aforegoing declaration in Ejectment, comes into Court here thesaid John Dunn lessee of thesaid Cornelia Sotheron by William Carmichael his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Queen Ann's County to wit, Richard Moffett, Gentleman, to whom a Copy of thesaid declaration in Ejectment & Notice as aforesaid was in form aforesaid made and sent, certifies his service thereof to the Court here in form following to wit. Queen Ann's County to wit, I do hereby Certify to the Honorable the Judges of Queen Ann's County Court that I did on the twelfth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and fifteen, serve Thomas Reed, tenant in possession of the premises mentioned in the declaration hereunto annexed, or some part thereof, with a true Copy of the Declaration & Notice thereunder written, and at the same time did acquaint thesaid Thomas Reed of the intent and meaning of thesaid Declaration and notice thereunder written – so answers Richard Moffett Shff. Whereupon thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid, by his attorney aforesaid, prays that thesaid Richard Dunn the Defendant, thesaid Thomas Reed the tenant in possession of thesaid premises or those under whom he claims to the declaration aforesaid may appear, and thereupon thesaid Thomas Reed by Kensey Harrison his Attorney, in pursuance of the notice aforesaid comes into Court here, whereupon it is ruled by the Court here with the consent of thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid, by his attorney aforesaid and thesaid Thomas Reed who claims the title in question by his attorney aforesaid, that thesaid Thomas Reed be admitted defendant in the place of the now defendant, Richard Dunn the Casual ejector, and that he immediately receive a Declaration, and plead thereto the general issue, and at the trial thereon to be had thesaid Thomas Reed shall appear in his proper person, or by his attorney or counsel, and confess the Lease entry and actual Ouster & expulsion of so much of the tenements in the Declaration of thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid, as is in the possession of thesaid Thomas Reed or his tenants, or of any other person claiming by or under his title, or in default thereof that Judgment be entered against the now defendant Richard Dunn the casual ejector, but that execution be staid against him until he make default in any of the premises, and it is further ruled by the Court here, with consent of Counsel, that if by reason of such default thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid shall become non suit at the trial, thesaid Thomas Reed shall take no advantage thereof, but shall pay to the said John Dunn lessee as aforesaid his Costs &c and it is further ruled by the Court here that if upon the trial of thesaid issue a verdict shall be given for thesaid Thomas Reed, or if thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid shall not prosecute his declaration upon any other cause than for the said confessing Lease entry and ouster as aforesaid, then thesaid Cornelia Sotheron lessor of the aforesaid John Dunn shall pay Cost &c and thereupon the aforesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid declares against thesaid Thomas Reed in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit. Queen Ann's County, to wit. Thomas Reed late of Queen Ann's County was attached to answer unto John Dunn in a plea wherefore with force and arms at Queen Ann's County aforesaid he entered into all that tract or parcel of plantable land called Wilsons Adventure, lying and being in Queen Ann's County aforesaid containing five hundred acres with the appurtenances which Cornelia Sotheron demised to thesaid John for a term of years which is not yet expired and ejected him from his said farm and other wrongs to thesaid John then did to the great damage of thesaid John and against the peace government and dignity of the State &c And whereupon thesaid John Dunn by William Carmichael his attorney complains that whereas thesaid Cornelia Sotheron heretofore to wit, on the first day of January in the year of

our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifteen at Queen Ann's County aforesaid had demised to thesaid John all that said tract or parcel of plantable land called Wilsons Adventure, lying and being in the County aforesaid, containing five hundred with the appurtenances to have and to hold thesame to thesaid John and his assigns from the thirty first day of December then last past for and during and to the full end and term of fifteen years from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended, by virtue of which said demise thesaid John entered into thesaid tract or parcel of plantable land with the appurtenances and was possessed thereof and being so possessed thereof thesaid Thomas Reed afterwards that is to say, on the said second day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and fifteen aforesaid, at the County afs with force and arms that is to say with swords staves & knives, at the County aforesaid, entered into all thesaid tract or parcel of plantable land with the appurtenances which thesaid Cornelia Sotheron had demised to thesaid John in manner aforesaid for the term aforesaid which is not yet expired and ejected thesaid John from his said farm, and other wrongs to thesaid John then and there did to the great damage of thesaid John and against the peace government and dignity of the State – Whereupon thesaid John saith he is wronged and hath sustained damage to the value of one hundred pounds and therefore he brings suit and so forth –

William Carmichael for Plaintiffs atty.

And thesaid Thomas Reed by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when &c and takes his defence of and upon the premises in question upon his title thereto, and says he is not guilty of the trespass and Ejectment in thesaid declaration mentioned in manner and form as thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid above complains against him and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c and thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid in like manner &c Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by consent of thesaid parties and their attorneys aforesaid and by order of the Court here thereon is further continued until the third Monday of October next. At which said third Monday of October being the sixteenth day of thesaid month, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifteen, came again into Court here as well thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid as thesaid Thomas Reed by his attorney aforesaid, Thereupon further process of and upon the premises, aforesaid between the parties aforesaid by consent of the said parties and their Attorneys aforesaid and by order of the Court here thereon is further continued until the first Monday of May next. And now here at this day to wit, the first Monday of May being the sixth day of thesaid month in the year Eighteen hundred and sixteen, came again into Court here as well thesaid John Dunn lessee of thesaid Cornelia Sotheron, by her attorney Attorney aforesaid as thesaid Thomas Reed by his attorney aforesaid, therefore to try the issue afs between the parties aforesaid within joined, let a jury thereupon appear before the Court here, immediately by whom &c and who neither &c to recognize &c because as well &c Whereupon for trying the issue afs it is ordered by the Court here that twenty persons from the Panel of petit jurors returned to the Court here by the Sheriff of the County afs be drawn by ballot according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and thereupon the twenty persons being so drawn by ballot, and written upon two Lists, one of which said Lists is delivered to the Counsel for the respective parties and the Counsel for each of thesaid parties having struck out four persons from thesaid Lists thereupon the remaining twelve persons being called came that is to say, Daniel C. Hopper, Peregrine Blake, Thomas Hewitt, Peregrine Little, Edward Sudler, William Murphey, James Roe, Thomas Richardson, Thomas W. Hopper, Amos W. Lynch, John Baggs, and Nathan Betten who being empannelled & sworn to say the truth in the premises upon their Oath do say that thesaid Thomas Reed is not guilty of the trespass and Ejectment aforesaid in manner and form aforesaid as thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid above complains against him as thesaid Thomas Reed above by pleading alledges. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that thesaid John Dunn lessee as aforesaid take nothing by his declaration aforesaid, but that he for his false clamour be in mercy &c and that thesaid Thomas Reed go thence without day &c And it is also considered by the Court here that thesaid Thomas Reed do recover against thesaid John Dunn lessee as afs the sum of thirty seven dollars and thirty cents current money by the Court here write him thesaid Thomas Reed with his assent adjudged for his Costs and charges by him about his defence in this behalf laid out & expended and that he thesaid Thomas Reed have thereof his Execution &c

Th: Murphey Clerk