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Were Present, The Hon. Thomas Perry, Judge of said Court,
William Logan, Esquire Sheriff, and Isaac Nesbitt, Clerk.

In the Record of proceedings of the same Court Court amongst others is the following to wit.

Robert Douglass
vs
William M. Blackford.

Be it remembered, that heretofore, to wit, on the thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, the said Robert Douglass, by Hamilton and Olney his attorney's prosecuted and sued forth out of the Circuit Court for said County here, the writ of the State of Maryland of Summons, directed to the Sheriff of Washington County, in the words and of the tenor following to wit.

Washington County to wit: The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Washington County Greeting: We command you to Summon William M. Blackford late of Washington County, yeoman, if he be found in your bailiwick, and that he appear before our next Circuit Court for Washington County to be held at the Court House, in Hagerstown, in said County, on the fourth Monday of November next, to answer unto Robert Douglass, in a plea wherefore with force and arms, &c. he broke and entered a certain Close of him the said Robert Douglass, situate, lying and being in the County aforesaid, and the grass of him the said Robert, then growing there, trod down and consumed with his feet in walking and the timber trees of the said Robert Douglass and other trees then and there growing and found, to wit, one hundred hickory trees, twenty pine trees, one thousand oak trees, five hundred chesnut trees &c. &c. cut down, took and carried away, and other wrongs to the said Robert Douglass then and there did, to the great damage of the said Robert, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State of Maryland. Hereof fail not at your peril, and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Hon. Thomas Perry, Judge of our said Court, the 22d day of March 1852. Issued the 13th day of April 1852.

Isaac Nesbitt, Clk.

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At which said fourth Monday of November, being the twenty second day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, and the return day of the foregoing writ, comes into Court here the said Robert Douglass, by his attorney's aforesaid, and the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, to wit, Christopher Hilliard, Gentleman, to whom the foregoing writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here that executed to wit: Ed. C. Hilliard, Shff.

And the said William M. Blackford, being called, appears in Court here, by J. Dixon Roman, his attorney.

And thereupon, on motion of the said William M. Blackford, by his attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here that the said Robert Douglass declare against the said William M. Blackford in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment of the Court there will be rendered against him by default.

Thereupon, further proceedings of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of Court here, and in conformity with the act of Assembly, is continued until the fourth Monday of March next.

At which said first Monday of March, being the seventh day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, until which day the said Robert Douglass had leave to declare against the said William M. Blackford, in the plea aforesaid, comes again into Court here as well the said Robert Douglass, by his attorneys aforesaid, as the said William M. Blackford, by his attorney aforesaid. And the said Robert Douglass, by his attorneys aforesaid, declares

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against the said William M. Blackford in the plea aforesaid, as follows, to wit.

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit. William M. Blackford, late of Washington County, yeoman was summoned to answer unto Robert Douglass, in a plea wherefore with force and arms, &c. he broke and entered the close of him the said Robert Douglass situate, lying and being in the County aforesaid, the same being part of a tract of land called "Moreland," and the grass of him the said Robert then growing there, trod down and consumed with his feet in walking, and the timber trees, and other trees of the said Robert Douglass then and there growing and found, to wit, one hundred hickory trees, twenty five trees, one thousand Oak trees, five hundred chesnut trees &c. &c. cut down, took and carried away, and other wrongs to the said Robert then and there did to the great damage of the said Robert, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State and so forth. And whereupon the said Robert Douglass, by R. A. Olney, and William T. Hamilton, his attorneys, complains that the said William M. Blackford, on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, and at divers days and times between that day and the twelfth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two at the County aforesaid, with force and arms, broke and entered the close of him the said Robert Douglass, the said close being part of a tract of land called "Moreland," and the same which was conveyed by a certain William Ricl, Esqr as Executor of the late John I Hays, deceased, to the late John Blackford, in his life time, by deed bearing date the twentieth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, and duly recorded among the land records of the County aforesaid, and in which said deed so as aforesaid made and recorded the said Close is described as part of a tract of land called "Antietam Hills," and which said close being part of "Moreland" as aforesaid, is abutting towards the East and North, on the lands and closes in the possession of Jacob H. Grove, towards the South on a certain close in possession of William M. Blackford, towards the West on another close in the possession of the said plaintiff, and then and there the said defendant the said plff's grass then growing to the value of one hundred dollars trod down and consumed with his feet in walking, and the timber trees and other trees of the said plaintiff then and there growing and found, to wit, one hundred hickory trees, of the value of five hundred dollars, twenty pine trees of the value of one hundred dollars, one thousand oak trees of the value of five thousand dollars, five hundred Chesaut trees of the valde of two thousand dollars, and other timber trees then and there growing and found to the value of one thousand dollars, cut down, took and carried away, and converted and disposed thereof to his own use, and other wrongs to the said plaintiff, then and there did to the great damage of the said plaintiff, and and against the peace, government and dignity of the State, &c.

And also that the said defendant on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, and on divers other days, and at divers other times between that day and the day of the impetration of the writ original in this cause, with force and arms, to wit, at the County aforesaid, broke and entered the close of the said plaintiff there situate and being, the said close being part of a tract of land called "Moreland," and which said close is abutting towards the East and North on a close in the possession of Jacob H. Grove towards the West on another close in the possession of the plaintiff, and towards the South on the close, in the pos-