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To the Sheriff of Queen Annes County. Greeting.

(Seal) You are hereby commanded to Summon William Carmichael. James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas late of Queen Anne County, Traders of the Poor of Queen Annes County, if they shall be found in your bailiwick, that they be and appear before the Circuit Court for Queen Anne County to be held at Centreville in and for said County, on the first Monday of May next, to answer unto Mary T. N. Pratt in a plea that they render unto her, the one third part of the tract of land called Ruthsburgh or Brandford lying and being in Queen Annes County aforesaid, with the appurtenances as the dower of her the said Mary T. N. Pratt of the endowment of Henry Pratt her late husband, whereof she hath nothing as she saith, whereof she complains that the said William Carmichael. James Roe. Stephen L. Wright, John Brown. William Temple Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer John Tilghman and John B. Thomas unjustly do force her. Fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ: Witness the Honorable Phelemon B. Hopper. Judge of the Circuit Court in the Eastern judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland the 18th day of December in the year 1851. (Test) Issued the 26th day of April 1852. John Palmer. Clk.

At which mentioned first Monday of May, in the year 1852, being the day of the return of the foregoing writ, comes into Court here, the said Mary T. N. Pratt by her attorneys aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Queen Anne County aforesaid to this James T. Perkins, gentleman to whom the said writ was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed Rest. Nn est. William Carmichael. Summoned. James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple. Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer John Tilghman and John B. Thomas and the said James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple. Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas, being called appear in Court here by Lloyd Tilghman Esquire, their attorneys: and the said William Carmichael also voluntarily appears in Court here, by Lloyd Tilghman Esquire his attorney. And thereupon the said William Carmichael James Roe. Stephen L. Wright John Brown. William Temple. Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas by their said attorney pray that the said Mary T. N. Pratt may declare against them in the plea aforesaid; whereupon it is ruled by the Court here that the said Mary T. N. Pratt declare against the said William Carmichael James Roe Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple. Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas in the plea aforesaid or judgment will be rendered against her, by default. and the said Mary T. N. Pratt by her said attorneys pray leave of the Court here to imparle until the first Monday of November next to declare against the said William Carmichael. James Roe. Stephen L. Wright, John Brown William Temple. Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas in the plea aforesaid, and she hath it, the same day is given to the said. William Carmichael. James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown William Temple. Pere Wilmer George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas then &c. At which said first Monday of November in the year 1852, until which day the said Mary T. N. Pratt has leave to imparle and then to declare against the said William Carmichael. James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown, William Temple,



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Pere Wilmer, George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas in the plea aforesaid, comes into Court here as well the said Mary T. N. Pratt by her attorneys aforesaid as the said William Carmichael James Roe Stephen L. Wright John Brown. William Temple. Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer John Tilghman and John B. Thomas, by Lloyd Tilghman and Daniel C. H. Emory Esquires their attorneys: And the said Mary T. N. Pratt by her attorneys aforesaid, prays leave of the Court here further to imparle until the first Monday of May next to declare against the said William Carmichael James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas in the plea aforesaid; and she hath it, the same day given to the said William Carmichael. James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple, Pere Wilmer, George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas then &c. At which said first Monday of May in the year 1853, until which day the said Mary T. N. Pratt had leave further to imparle and then to declare against the said William Carmichael. James Roe Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple. Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas in the plea aforesaid, comes into the Court here as well the said Mary T. N. Pratt by her attorneys aforesaid, as the said William Carmichael, James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple Pere, Wilmer, George C. Palmer, John Tilghman and John B. Thomas by their attorneys aforesaid; And the said Mary T. N. Pratt by her attorneys aforesaid declares against the said William Carmichael. James Roe. Stephen L. Wright. John Brown. William Temple. Pere Wilmer. George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas in the plea aforesaid as follows: In State of Maryland Queen Anne County S.S: William Carmichael James Roe Stephen L. Wright John Brown. William Temple. Pere Wilmer, George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas late of Queen Anne County were summoned to answer unto Mary T. N. Pratt in a plea that they render unto her the one third part of the tract called Ruthsburgh or Brandford lying and being in Queen Anne County aforesaid with the appearances as the dower of her the said Mary T. N. Pratt of the endowment of Henry Pratt her late husband, whereof she hath nothing as she saith, whereof she complains that the said William Carmichael. James Roe, Stephen L. Wright. John Brown, William Temple, Pere Wilmer, George C. Palmer. John Tilghman and John B. Thomas unjustly do force her; And thereupon the said Mary T. N. Pratt by Carmichael and Brown her attorneys demands against the said William Carmichael. James Roe, Stephen L. Wright. John Brown William Temple. Pere Wilmer George C. Palmer, John Tilghman and John B. Thomas Traders of the Poor of Queen Anne County the third part of a part of a tract or parcel of land called Ruthsburgh & Brandford situate lying and being in Queen Anne County aforesaid and contained within the following lines meets and bounds that is to say beginning at a stone planted in the ground on the north west edge of the public road leading from the nine Bridges or Bridge Town in Cecil County to Centreville in Queen Anne's County and running thence with the said Road South Sixty one degrees west Eighty four perches and one fourth of a perch to the east side or edge of the public road leading from Ruthsburgh to Colguis Cross Roads thence with the said road north twenty six degrees West one hundred and one and one fourth perches, thence North thirty minutes west one hundred and twenty perches thence north Eighty