aforesaid and the said Zebulon S Orrell by his attorneys aforesaid
prays leave of the Court here further to imparlance until the 1st Monday
of May next to answer unto the declaration of the said Henry E
Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and William T Wright
in the action aforesaid and the taking of the same day is given to
the said Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and
William T Wright then and there at which day to wit May in the
year 1839 to wit about a day the said Zebulon S Orrell has been
instructed and thereto answer unto the declaration of the said Henry
E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and William T Wright
in the action aforesaid comes and the said Zebulon S Orrell as the
said Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and William
T Wright by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Zebulon S Orrell
by his attorneys aforesaid defends the force and injury when and where
and saith that he did not commit the wrong alleged as the said
Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and William T
Wright have thereon complained against him of this he puts himself
upon the country and the said Henry E Wright and Charlotte
A Wright his wife and William T Wright in the manner and
saith and the said Zebulon S Orrell by leave of the Court here according
to the form of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided comes
and further defends the force and injury when and where and saith that
the said Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and
William T Wright their action aforesaid against him to have or maintain
ought not to have because he says that the Land called Chestnut Meadow in the
declaration aforesaid mentioned where the alleged trespass was committed was
at the time when and where the Land of the defendant and not the Land
of the said Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and
William T Wright at the time when and where as they have alleged
and this he is ready to verify Wherefore he prays judgment if the said
Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and William T
Wright their action aforesaid against him to have or maintain ought
and so forth and the said Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his
wife and William T Wright by their attorney aforesaid as to the second
plea of him the said Zebulon S Orrell then pleaded saith that they by any
thing in the said second plea alleged from having and maintaining their
action aforesaid to prevent ought not because he says that the
Land called Chestnut Meadows at the time when and where and
not the Land of the said Zebulon S Orrell but that the same at the
time when and where was the Land of them the said Henry E
Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and William T Wright
as they by their declaration aforesaid have alleged and this he is ready
to verify by the Country and the said Zebulon S Orrell in
the manner and so forth Whereupon for trying the issue aforesaid
it is ordered by the Court here that 20 persons from the panel of
petit jurors returned to this Court here by the Sheriff of this County shall
be drawn by lot according to the act of Assembly in such case made
and provided. And thereupon the 20 persons being so drawn by
lot and Mendles upon the lists were which said List is
delivered to the Crier for the respective parties and the Counsel

for the respective parties having stricken off four persons from said List
thereupon the remaining twelve persons being called come thereto to wit
John Ralph Jr. Henry Reeder Dance Newman John R Carter Henry
Good William Gillespie William T Shew Henry A Jones
Albert Tunis David Hansel James Woodall Jr. and Joel Clements
who being empannelled and sworn to try the issue joined upon
their oath do say that the said Zebulon S Orrell is not guilty of
the trespass in the declaration within specified as the said Zebulon
S Orrell hath without pleading alleged and that the Land in the
pleadings mentioned is the Land of the said Zebulon S Orrell as he by his second
plea within hath alleged. Therefore it is considered by the Court here
that the said Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his wife and
William T Wright be in mercy for their false clamor and that the
said Zebulon S Orrell go thereof without day &c. And it is further
considered by the Court here that the said Zebulon S Orrell recover
against the said Henry E Wright and Charlotte A Wright his
wife and William T Wright the costs of suit by him about
his defence in this behalf laid out and expended and that he have thereof Execution.

Memorandum that before the Jurors aforesaid withdrew from
the Bar of the Court here the said Henry E Wright and Charlotte
A Wright his wife and William T Wright by their attorney
aforesaid tendered to the Court their Bills of Exceptions and
which were by the Court here signed and sealed and which
are on file pertaining to this

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A his wife and William T Wright
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At the trial of the cause the plaintiff offered
evidence to prove that the land mentioned in the pleadings as
reputed to be the land called Chestnut Meadow and that the
same land had been fifty years ago in the possession of Henry
Pell They then offered the record of a judgment by default
Witness Lyndall Henry R Pratt planting in Queen Anns County
Court at May Term 1822 and a fieri facias on the judgment
and a return of the said Sheriff returned by October Term 1822 of
the same Court by virtue of which the Sheriff which the trespass
was committed was sold to Henry E Wright one of the plaintiffs
and when the plaintiffs made title and offered in evidence to
show that the present plaintiffs and those under whom they
claim had been in possession from the date of the sale by the Sheriff
to the present time the said being been made in the 8 day of October
1825 They also offered to prove the collection of taxes by the defen-
dant within the lines of their purchase from the Sheriff aforesaid
The defendant then offered evidence to shew the boundaries under