a certain Maria C. Miller of the City of Baltimore, by Henry W. Archer and John S. Tyson Esquires, their solicitors exhibited to the Court here, her bill of Complaint against Thomas C. Stump of Harford County which said Bill is of the tenor and in the words following, to wit.—

To the Honble. The Judges of Harford County Court sitting as a Court of Equity.— The Bill of Complaint of Maria C. Miller of the City of Baltimore widow and relict of William F. Miller late of the City of Baltimore deceased, respectfully represents unto your Honors, That the said William F. Miller during his life time, and while your oratrix was his lawful wedded wife was seized in fee simple & in possession of sundry tracts peices or parcels of land, situated on or near Deer Creek in Harford County called "Walls Rich Neck" "Wins Mill Hill" and "Margarets Mount" together containing about ninety acres more or less, and more particularly described & mentioned in a deed from a certain John Wilson to the said William F. Miller, bearing date the — day of May 1813 a copy of which is herewith filed as part of this Bill of Complaint Marked Complainants Exhibit A.—

That in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen the said William F. Miller became the purchaser in fee simple of another part of said tract of land called "Walls Rich Neck" containing about ninety acres at a sale made under the authority of Harford County Court by commissioners appointed by said Court for the sale and division of the real estate of Joseph Miller deceased for which he paid the purchase money and was put in possession thereof by said Commissioners and that he continued in the controle possession & enjoyment thereof and also of the lands mentioned in the said deed from the said John Wilson until the twenty first day of May 1825 when he petitioned for the benefit of the Insolvent laws of the State of Maryland and conveyed said lands with the rest of his property to Samuel Bradford Esquire, as trustee for the benefit of his creditors. That subsequently sold said lands mentioned in said deed from John Wilson, to a certain Thomas C. Stump of Harford County, who now claims & occupies the same, and also sold the said lands which the said William F. Miller purchased as aforesaid, at the sale of the real estate of Joseph Miller, to a certain Robert Parker Junr. through and under whom the said Thomas C. Stump now claims title thereto. That your oratrix was on the said twenty first day of May eighteen hundred and twenty five & had been for several years previous thereto, the lawful wedded wife of the said William F. Miller, and so continued until the time of his death, which accrued on or about the — day of — in the year eighteen hundred and forty, and that the said John Wilson departed this life on, or about the twenty third day of April in the year eighteen hundred and twenty five (23 April 1825) your oratrix further shews that upon the death of her said husband, she became entitled to dower in or out of all of said land herein before mentioned, and that no sum of money hath been paid to your oratrix, for, or on account of her said dower or in lieu thereof, and your oratrix being so entitled hath frequently and in a friendly manner by herself and her agents applied to the said Thomas C. Stump to

account with her, and pay her the amount of one third part of the rents and profits of the said lands since her said husbands decease and to let your oratrix into the possession of the one third of the rents & profits thereof, and to assign and set out for your oratrix a full third part of said lands and premises as and for her dower therein, as he of right ought to do.— But contrary to equity & good conscience the said Thomas C. Stump, refuses so to do, pretending that the said William F. Miller had not during the coverture of your oratrix such a title to said lands as was sufficient to give your oratrix a right to dower therein, the contrary of which your oratrix avers & charges to be true. To the end therefore that the said Thomas C. Stump, may be compelled to account with & pay over to your oratrix the one third of the rents & profits of the said lands & premises, since her said husbands decease, and to assign & set out for your oratrix a full third part of said lands, as and for her dower therein.— May it please your Honors to grant unto your oratrix the states writ of subpoena to the said Thomas C. Stump, to be directed commanding him at some early day to be and appear before your Honors in this Honorable Court, and then and there full true & perfect answer make to all and singular the facts herein set forth and alleged, and grant unto your oratrix such other & further relief as to your Honors shall seem meet, and as in duty bound she will ever pray &c.—

Henry W. Archer,— } Sol for
Jno. S. Tyson.— } Complt.—

And in pursuance of the prayer in said Bill of Complaint contained and by order of the Court here, the State of Maryland's writ of subpoena issued out of the Court here, to the said Thomas C. Stump directed in form following, to wit — Subpoena, The State of Maryland to the sheriff of Harford County Greeting.— We command you to summon Thomas C. Stump, that all excuses & delays apart he be and appear before the Judges of Harford County Court at the Court house in the same County, on the first Saturday of September next to answer unto the Bill of Complaint of Maria C. Miller against him in our said Court exhibited.— Hereof he is not to fail.— Witness the Honorable Stevenson Archer, Chief Judge of our said Court the 13th day of July 1841.— Issued the 2d day of August 1841.—

(Seal) Henry Dorsey, Clk.—

And on the same day to wit, the second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, the said Thomas C. Stump appeared in Court here by Otho Scott and Henry D. Fernandis Esquires his solicitors and filed his answer to said Bill of Complaint, which is of the tenor and following to wit.—

The answer of Thomas C. Stump of Harford County to the Bill of complaint of Maria C. Miller.— This respondent, now and at all times hereafter, saving and reserving to himself all manner of benefit of exception to the said Bill of Complaint, and the manifold errors therein contained, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as this defendant is advised it is material for him to make answer unto for answer saith that it is true the William F. Miller, named in said Bill was the husband of Complainant, and had an equitable interest at one time in the lands mentioned in said Bill of Complaint. This