Ff. Ly. Nr. William Chews Lessee
against
M. W. L. M. James Weems & John Weems

Maryland Pl. James Weems John Weems and David Weems late of Ann Arundel County Gentlemen were attached to answer unto Crispin Westtap of a plea wherefore with force and arms and so forth into all that Tract or parcel of Plantable land called Padgett lying and being in the County aforesaid with the appurtenances containing three hundred and thirty nine Acres and also into all that tract or parcel of Plantable land called Lock Eden lying and being in the County aforesaid with the Appurtenances containing five hundred and Sixty four Acres and also into all that tract or parcel of plantable land called Fords Folly lying and being in the County aforesaid with the appurtenances containing one hundred and seventy Acres which three tracts or parcels of land William Chew to him the said Crispin demised for a term not yet past they the said James Weems John Weems and David Weems did enter and him the said Crispin from his farms aforesaid did eject and other harms to him the said Crispin there did to the great damage of him the said Crispin and against the peace of the State of Maryland and so forth And whereupon the said Crispin by Thomas Stone his Attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid William Chew on the eleventh day of March in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight At Ann Arundel County aforesaid had demised unto him the said Crispin the said premises with the appurtenances thereto belonging To have and occupy the same premises with the appurtenances to him the said Crispin and his Assigns from the tenth day of the same month of March until the full end and term of ten years then next following fully to be compleat and ended By virtue of which demise the aforesaid Crispin into the premises with the appurtenances did enter and was thereof possessed and the said Crispin so being thereof possest the aforesaid James Weems John Weems and David Weems afterwards to wit on the same eleventh day of March Seventeen hundred and seventy eight aforesaid at Ann Arundel County aforesaid with force and arms and so forth into the premises with the appurtenanances aforesaid which the said William Chew to him the said Crispin in form aforesaid had demised for the term aforesaid which is not yet passed entered and him the said Crispin from his farms aforesaid did eject and other harms to him the said Crispin then and there did to the great damage of him the said Crispin and against the peace of the State of Maryland that now is and so forth whereby the said Crispin saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of one thousand pounds Current money of Maryland and therefore he brings suit and so forth

Thomas Stone for the Plaintiff. Pledges and so forth John Doe and Richard Roe

And the aforesaid James Weems John Weems and David Weems by Jeremiah Townley Chase John Hall and Luther Martin their Attorneys come and defend the force and injury when and so forth and take defence according to their pretensions as they shall appear to be laid down on return of a warrant of Resurvey to be issued in this cause and enter into the Common Rule and

pray leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also At which said next Court to wit the 13th day of October Anno Domini 1778 come again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their Attornies aforesaid and the said Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until next court and they have it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also At which said next Court to wit the 11th day of May Anno Domini 1779 come again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their Attornies aforesaid and the said Defendants by their Attornies aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also At which said next Court to wit the 12th day of October Anno Domini 1779 come again the said parties plaintiff and defendants by their Attornies aforesaid and the said James Weems and John Weems by their Attornies aforesaid suggest to the Court here the death of David Weems one of the Defendants in this cause since the imparlance aforesaid and the said James Weems and John Weems by their Attornies aforesaid pray further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and they have it and the same day is given to the plaintiff also At which said next court to wit the 22d day of May Anno Domini 1780 to which time May Term 1780 was adjourned by Act of Assembly come again as well the said Crispin Westtap lessee of the said William Chew by his Attorney aforesaid as the said James Weems and John Weems by their Attornies aforesaid and the said James Weems and John Weems by their said Attorneys as before the defend the ~~force and~~ injury when and so forth and say they are not guilty of the Trespass and Ejectment aforesaid in manner and form so as the aforesaid Crispin Westtap Lessee of the said William Chew above against them hath complained and of this they put themselves upon the Country and the Plaintiff also thereupon for trying the issue aforesaid command is given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he immediately cause to come here twelve good and lawful men of his Bailiwick by whom &c. who neither &c. to Recognize &c. because as well &c. of which said precept the said Sheriff to wit Thomas Harwood Gentleman makes return that he has here ready twelve &c. as by the said precept he was commanded to wit William Harwood Benjamin Benson Philemon Warfield Samuel Chew James Leatch Edward Jones John Edelen David Shriver James Haddock Warren Francis Gardiner James Hopewell and Levin Mackall who being duly elected tried and sworn to say the truth in the premises upon their oath do say as follows Viz. That as to the Trespass and Ejectment in the Declaration aforesaid in this cause mentioned in the Tract of land thereon mentioned called Fords Folly the Defendants are not guilty thereof and that they are not guilty of any Trespass or Ejectment in that part of the Tract of Land called Padgett devised by the will of Doctor William Lock to his daughter Sarah Lock And as to the residue of the said Trespass and Ejectment in the said Declaration mentioned We find that Charles late lord and Proprietary of this Province of Maryland by his