year last mentioned at the county aforesaid and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays judgment whether the said Benjamin his action aforesaid against him the said David to have and maintain ought and so forth. And the said Isaac Griest with the leave of the court according to the force of the statute in such case made and provided further comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said Benjamin ought not to have and maintain his action aforesaid because he saith that the premises aforesaid above supposed to be demised were and did lie in and within the meeles and bounds of a certain tract and parcel of land called Grange and that long before the said Benjamin Rogers had any thing in the tenements aforesaid and before the demise aforesaid above supposed to be made a certain Thomas Austin Colegate was seized of the tenements aforesaid in his demesne of fee until the said Benjamin the said Thomas Austen thereof unjustly and without judgment did discease wherely the said Benjamin was seised in his demisne of fee by disciesin and the said Benjamin being so thereof seized by discesin demised the tenements aforesaid to the said Isaac Griest by virtue of which said demise the said Isaac Griest into the tenements aforesaid did enter and was thereof posesed as the said Benjamin before against him hath declared upon which his the said Isaac Griest posession thereof the said Thomas Austen Colegate into the said tenements entered on the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three at the county aforesaid and him the said Isaac Griest from his posession thereof did put out and from hence hitherto hath hath out and yet doth kep out and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prayth judgment whether the said Benjamin his action aforesaid thereupon ought to have and maintain against him and so forth — And the aforesaid Isaac comes with leave of the court according to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and further defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said Benjamin his action aforesaid ought not to have maintain because he saith that after the making of the said demise to him the said Isaac Griest as aforesaid the said Isaac Griest at the county aforesaid and on the first day

day September seventeen hundred and eighty three surrondered to the said Benjamin his the said Isaac his term of years then to come and unexpired of and in the said tenements with the appurtenances mentioned in the declaration and indenture aforesaid and all his the said Isaac estate right title and interest therein, and therefore he prays judgment whether the said Benjamin his action aforesaid against him the said Isaac ought to have and maintain and so forth. And the aforesaid Isaac Griest comes with the leave of the court according to the form of the statute in such case made and provided comes and further defends the force and injury when and so forth and saith that the said Benjamin his action aforesaid against him the said Isaac Griest ought not to have and maintain because he saith that by a certain act of assembly made and passed at a session of Assembly began and held at the City of Annapolis on saturday the first day of November in the sixteenth year of the dominion of the late right honorable Frederick Absolute Lord and proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon &c. and ended the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six it was among other things enacted by the right Honourable the then Lord proprietary by and with the advise and consent of his Lordships governor and the upper and lower houses of assembly and the authority of the same that after the first day of May then next following no estate of Inheritance or free hold or any declaration or limitation of use or any estate for above seven years shall pass or take effect except the Deed or conveyance by which the same shall be intended to pass or take effect shall be acknowledged in the provincial court or before one of the justices thereof or in the county court or before two justices of the same county where the lands tenements or hereditaments conveyed by such deed or conveyance do lie and be also enrolled in the records of the same county or the provincial court as the case may be within six months after the date of such deed or conveyance as by the said act among other things more fully appears and the said Isaac further saith that the said Indenture in the said declaration aforesaid supposed to be made was not enrolled in manner and form as by the said act is required and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays judgment whether the said Benjamin his action aforesaid against him thereupon to have and maintain ought and so forth — And the said Isaac Griest according to the form