Burch, or if the said John Goodright Lessee as aforesaid shall not prosecute his Declaration upon any other cause than for the not confessing lease, entry and ouster aforesaid then the said Anne Bale, Philippa Bale, Elizabeth Bale and Catharine Bate Lessors of the aforesaid Jacob Goodright shall pay Costs andsoforth. and thereupon the aforesaid Jacob Goodright Lessee as aforesaid, by his Attorney aforesaid, declares against the said Jesse Burch, Mary Burch and Thomas Burch in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following towit.

Maryland Set. Jesse Burch, Mary Burch and Thomas Burch late of Charles County planters were attached to answer unto Jacob Goodright of a plea wherefore with force and arms and soforth. into all that tract or parcel of plantable Land called Willford Meadows situate Lying and being in Charles County aforesaid with the appurtenances containing two hundred and ninety four acres of Land one undivided fourth part whereof Ann Bale to him the said Jacob had demised for a term not yet past, one other undivided fourth part whereof Philippa Bale to him the said Jacob had demised for a Term not past one other undivided fourth part whereof Catherine Bate to him the said Jacob had demised for a Term not yet past, and one other undivided fourth part whereof Elizabeth Bale to him the said Jacob had demised for a term not yet past, they the said Jesse Burch, Mary Burch and Thomas Burch did enter and him the said Jacob from his farm did eject and other harms to him the said Jacob did to the great damage of the said Jacob and against the Peace of the State of Maryland &c.

And whereupon the said Jacob by John Hall by his attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Anne on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty at Charles County aforesaid had demised unto him the said Jacob one undivided fourth part of the said premises with the appurtenances to have and to occupy the same one undivided fourth part of the said premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him the said Jacob and his assigns from the thirty first day of December then last past until the full end and term of ten years then next following fully to be complete and ended, and whereas the said Philippa on the same first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty at the County aforesaid had demised unto him the said Jacob one other undivided fourth part of the said premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to occupy the same to him the said Jacob and his assigns from the same thirty first day of December then last past until the full end and term of ten years then next following fully to be compleat and ended and whereas the said Catherine on the same first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty at the County aforesaid had Demised unto him the said Jacob one other undivided fourth part of the said premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to

to occupy the same to the said Jacob and his assigns from the same thirty first day December then last past until the full end and term of ten years then next following fully to be complete and ended And whereas the said Elizabeth on the same first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty at the County aforesaid had demised unto him the said Jacob one other undivided fourth part of the said premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to occupy the same to him the said Jacob and his assigns from the same thirty first day of December then last past until the full end and term of ten years then next following fully to be complete and ended by vertue of which said several demises the aforesaid Jacob into the premises with the appurtenances which the said Anne, Catherine, Philippa and Elizabeth to him the said Jacob in form aforesaid had demised for the Term aforesaid which is not yet past did enter and was thereof possessed and the said Jacob being so thereof possessed the aforesaid Jesse, Mary, and Thomas afterwards towit, on the same first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty aforesaid at Charles County aforesaid with force and arms andsoforth into the premises with the appurtenances aforesaid which the said Anne Philippa Catherine, and Elizabeth unto him the said Jacob in form aforesaid had demised for the term aforesaid which is not yet past entered and him the said Jacob from his farm aforesaid did eject and other harms to him the said Jacob then and there did to the great damage of him the said Jacob and against the Peace of the State of Maryland the good rule and Government thereof Whereby the said Jacob saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of one thousand pounds Current money and therefore he brings suit and soforth.

John Hall for Plaintiff Pledges Jno. Doe and Richard Roe

Thereupon on motion of the said Jesse Burch Mary Burch and Thomas Burch by their attorney aforesaid, leave is given by the Court here to the said Jesse Burch, Mary Burch and Thomas Burch to ascertain their defence, and answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Jacob Goodright Lessee as aforesaid, in the plea aforesaid until the second tuesday of October next the same day is given to the said Jacob Goodright Lessee as aforesaid &c. at which said second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord 1783 till which said day the said Jesse Burch, Mary Burch, and Thomas Burch had leave to ascertain their defence and answer to the declaration aforesaid