to this declaration at the next General Court to be held at Annapolis the Second Tuesday of May next by some Attorney of that Court and then and there by rule of the same Court to cause yourself to be made Defendant in my stead and to confess the lease entry and ouster & maintain upon the title only at the trial otherwise judgment will be given against me and you will be turned out of possession.

To Mr. Henry Ruyler — Yrs. &c. Ser.
Tenant in possession — Thomas Stout.

A Copy of which said declaration and notice was made and sent to the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid.

At which mentioned Second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine and the return day of the service of a copy of the aforegoing declaration, comes into the General Court here the said James Goodright, Lessee of the said John Beale Bordley by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, to wit, Thomas Rutter Gentleman, to whom a copy of the said declaration in Ejectment, and notice aforesaid was in form aforesaid made and sent, makes return to the Court here of the service thereof, in form following to wit.

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Whereupon the said James Goodright Lessee as aforesaid, by his Attorney aforesaid, prays, that the said Thomas Stout, the Defendant, the said Henry Ruyler the tenant in possession of the said premises, or those under whom he claims, to the declaration aforesaid may appear; and thereupon the said Henry Ruyler by David M'Mechan his Attorney, in pursuance of the notice aforesaid, comes into Court here. Whereupon it is ruled by the Court here with the consent of the said James Goodright Lessee as aforesaid, by his Attorney aforesaid, and the said Henry Ruyler (who claims the title in question) by his Attorney aforesaid, that the said Henry Ruyler be admitted defendant in the place of the now defendant Thomas Stout, the casual Ejector, and that he immediately receive a declaration, and plead thereto the General issue, and at the trial thereon to be had, the said Henry Ruyler shall appear in his proper person, or by his Attorney or Counsel, and confess the lease entry and actual ouster and expulsion of so much of the tenements in the declaration of the said James Goodright Lessee as aforesaid as is in the possession of the said Henry Ruyler or his tenants, or of any other person claiming by or under his title, or in default thereof,

thereof, that judgment be entered against the now Defendant, Thomas Stout, the casual Ejector, but that prosecution be stayed against him until he makes default in any of the premises, And it is further ruled by the Court here, with consent of Counsel, that if by reason of such default, the said James Goodright Lessee as aforesaid, shall become Non Suit at the trial, the said Henry Ruyler shall take no advantage thereof, but shall pay to the said James Goodright Lessee as aforesaid his costs &c. and it is further ruled by the Court here, that if upon the trial of the said issue a Verdict shall be given for the said Henry Ruyler or if the said James Goodright Lessee as aforesaid, shall not prosecute his declaration upon any other cause than for the said confessing lease entry and ouster, as aforesaid, then the said John Beale Bordley Lessor of the aforesaid James Goodright shall pay costs &c. and thereupon the aforesaid James Goodright Lessee as aforesaid by his Attorney aforesaid declares against the said Henry Ruyler in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following to wit.

(Western Shore State of Maryland Baltimore County) to wit.

Henry Ruyler late of Baltimore County farmer was attached to answer unto James Goodright of a plea wherefore with force and arms and so forth into all that tract of Plantable Land situate lying and being in Baltimore County upon Jones's Falls and called or known by the name of Monks Discovery containing twenty acres with the appurtenances which John Beale Bordley to him the said James demised for a term not yet past he the said Henry Ruyler did enter and him the said James from his farm aforesaid did eject and other harms to him the said James did to the great damage of him the said James and against the peace of the State of Maryland and so forth. And whereupon the said James by William Cooke his Attorney saith that whereas the aforesaid John Beale Bordley on the first day of February in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty seven at Baltimore County aforesaid had demised unto him the said James the said premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to occupy the same premises with the appurtenances to him the said James and his assigns from the thirty first day of January then last past until the full end and term of fifteen years then next following fully to be compleat and ended by Virtue of which demise the aforesaid James into the premises aforesaid with the appurtenances did enter and was thereof possessed and the said James so being thereof possessed the aforesaid Henry Ruyler afterwards to wit on the,