the return of the aforesaid writ come the said Thomas Smith by Richard Potts his attorney and the sheriff to whom the same writ was directed also makes return thereof to the court here thus Indorsed. Cepi Wm Ellis Shff
And the aforesaid Jeremiah Foster being called upon appears by Baker Johnson his attorney and the said Jeremiah Foster by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and &c forth and prays leave to imparle hereunto untill next court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also and the parties Imparle from court to court untill the fourth Tuesday of November Seventeen hundred and eighty seven. At which said fourth Tuesday of November appear again as well the said Thomas Smith by his attorney aforesaid as the said Jeremiah Foster by Baker Johnson his attorney and the said Jeremiah Foster by his attorney aforesaid produceth to the court here a writ of Habeas Corpus in the following words to wit. The State of Maryland Ss To the Justices and Sheriff of Washington County greeting whereas Jeremiah Foster is detained in the prison of our said county under the Custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a certain Thomas Smith in a plea of Trespass and &c forth, which said plea still remains before you our said Justices undetermined as it is said and we being willing for divers causes that the plea aforesaid undetermined as aforesaid should be heard and determined before the Judges of our general court do therefore command you that you have the body of the said Jeremiah Foster by whatsoever name he be called in the plea aforesaid together with the day and cause of his caption and detainer and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our general court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the Second Tuesday of may next that our said Judges being rightly informed of the truth of the premises may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and &c forth. and have you then and there this writ. Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire chief Judge of our said court the 9th day of October Anno Domini 1787.
Issued the 15th November 1787. (B. Johnson) Thos B Hodgkin Clk
The aforegoing writ being read and allowed of, ordered that the proceedings in the action aforesaid together with the writ of Habeas Corpus be transmitted to the Honourable the Judges of the general court.

Seal of Washington County Court

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy of the records and proceedings of Washington County court in the suit aforesaid. I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Public Seal of the County aforesaid this Eighteenth day of April anno Domini Seventeen hundred and Eighty Eight.
Elie Williams Clk

Whereupon comes into the General court here as well the said Thomas Smith by Richard Potts his attorney aforesaid, as the said Jeremiah Foster by Baker Johnson his

his attorney aforesaid: and the said Jeremiah Foster by his attorney aforesaid defends the force and injury when and &c forth and prays leave of the court here to imparle in the plea aforesaid. until the second Tuesday of October next, and to him it is granted. the same day is given to the said Thomas Smith also.
At which said second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, till which said day the said Jeremiah Foster had leave to imparle in the plea aforesaid, come again into the general court here, as well the said Thomas Smith by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Jeremiah Foster by his attorney aforesaid; and the said Jeremiah Foster by his attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and &c forth, and prays leave of the court here further to imparle in the plea aforesaid until the second Tuesday of may next, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Thomas Smith also.
At which said second Tuesday of may being the twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine, till which said day the said Jeremiah Foster had leave further to imparle in the plea aforesaid, come again into the general court here as well the said Thomas Smith by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Jeremiah Foster by his attorney aforesaid: and the said Thomas Smith by his attorney aforesaid, prays leave of the court here, according to the act of assembly in such case made and provided, to amend the writ in the record of the proceedings in the plea aforesaid and to him it is granted. whereupon the said Thomas Smith by his attorney aforesaid, declared against the said Jeremiah Foster in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit. Washington County to wit. Jeremiah Foster late of Washington County farmer was attached to answer unto Thomas Smith in a plea wherefore with force and arms at Washington County aforesaid he the said Jeremiah the close of him the said Thomas there situate he broke and entered and the Timber Trees of him the said Thomas in the same close then growing to wit one hundred hickories of the value of Twenty pounds current money, one hundred poplars of the value of forty pounds current money and five hundred Oaks of the value of fifty pounds current money he felled cut down and carried away and other harms to the said Thomas then and there did to the great Damage of him the said Thomas and against the peace and &c forth. and whereupon the said Thomas by Richard Potts his attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Jeremiah on the first day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Eighty &c with force and arms at Washington County aforesaid the close of him the said Thomas there situate called Free Establishment containing 400 acres of Land, broke and entered and the Timber Trees of him the said Thomas in the same close there growing to wit one

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