Georges County Court. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Publick seal of Office this twenty sixth day of April anno Dominii seventeen hundred and ninety one.

The Seal of Prince Georges County Court

John Read Magruder Clk of
Prince Georges County Court

And now here come into the General Court, as well the said Hugh Nixon by Edward Nichols his attorney aforesaid, as the said Middleton Bett by William Hammond Dorsey his attorney aforesaid. And the said Middleton Bett by his said Attorney, defends the force and injury, when and Soforth. and prays leave of the Court here to imparle untill the second Tuesday of October next: and he hath it: the same day is given to the said Hugh Nixon then and there and Soforth –

At which said second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, to which said day the said Middleton Bett had leave to imparle, comes again into the General Court here, as well the said Hugh Nixon by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Middleton Bett by his attorney aforesaid: And the said Middleton Bett by his said attorney, as before, defends the force and injury, when, and Soforth. and prays leave of the Court here further to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next: and he hath it: the same day is given to the said Hugh Nixon then and there and Soforth.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the eighth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two. to which said Middleton Bett had leave to imparle, comes again into the General Court here as well the said Hugh Nixon by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Middleton Bett by his attorney aforesaid. And thereupon the said Middleton Bett by his said Attorney. Prays that the said Hugh Nixon may declare against him the said Middle in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Hugh Nixon declare against the said Middleton in the plea aforesaid, and if the said Hugh Nixon doth not declare against the said Middleton Bett in the plea aforesaid, Judgment will be rendered against him by default: and the said Hugh Nixon by his said attorney, prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next to declare against the said Middleton Bett in the

the plea aforesaid, and he hath it, the same day is given to the said Middleton Bett then and there and Soforth.

At which said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety Two; until which day the said Hugh Nixon had leave to imparle, and then to declare against the said Middleton Bett in the plea aforesaid, comes as well the said Hugh Nixon as the said Middleton Bett by their attornies aforesaid, and the said Hugh Nixon by his said attorney, declares against the said Middleton Bett in the Plea aforesaid as follows: That is to say, Prince Georges County, to wit, Middleton Bett late of Prince Georges County Planter was summoned to answer unto Hugh Nixon of a plea wherefore he took one negro woman called Bloe, one negro man named Dick, one negro boy named Jack, one negro Girl named Sophia of him the said Hugh and the same negroes unjustly detains against sureties and Pledges and Soforth: And whereupon the said Hugh by Edward Nicholls his attorney, complains that the aforesaid Middleton on the first day of April anno Dominii seventeen hundred and Eighty nine at Prince Georges County aforesaid took the aforesaid negroes named as aforesaid of him the said Hugh, and the same unjustly detained against sureties and Pledges untill and Soforth Wherefore the said Hugh saith he is the worse and hath Damages to the value of two hundred Pounds current money and Soforth and therefore he brings suit and Soforth.

John Doe
and
Richard Roe

Edwd Nicholls for Plff Pledges &c.

And thereupon the said Hugh Nixon by his attorney aforesaid Prays that the said Middleton Bett may answer to the declaration of him the said Hugh Nixon in the plea aforesaid: Whereupon it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Middleton Bett answer to the declaration of the said Hugh Nixon in the plea aforesaid, and if the said Middleton Bett doth not answer to the declaration of the said Hugh Nixon in the plea aforesaid, Judgment will be rendered against him by default: and the said Middleton Bett by his said attorney, defends the force and injury, when, and Soforth. and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next, to answer to the declaration of the said Hugh Nixon in the plea aforesaid, and he hath it; the same day is given to the said Hugh Nixon then and there and Soforth –

And now here at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the said month in the