the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, to which said day the said Richard Lawrence had leave to impale and then to assign those Errors for the reversal of the Judgment aforesaid, in the Record and proceedings aforesaid rendered supposed to be therein come again into the General Court here as well the said Richard Lawrence by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Devalt Crowell by his Attorney aforesaid.

And the said Devalt Crowell by his Attorney aforesaid comes and says that there is not a sufficient Record sent in the Action aforesaid, But that in the Record thereof there is Diminution, and prays the Writ of the State of Maryland of Diminution may issue to the Chief Justice, Associate Justices, and Clerk of Ann Arundel County commanding them that without delay they transmit to the Court here a full Transcript of the whole proceedings before them had returnable immediately, and to him it is granted, Which Writ accordingly issued in the Words and figures following, to wit."

The State of Maryland ss. To the Chief Justice, Associate Justices, and Clerk of Ann Arundel County, Greeting: Whereas in a certain Action of Trespass on the case between Devall Crowell, Plaintiff, and Richard Lawrence Defendant lately depending before you, wherein the said Richard Lawrence hath appealed from the Judgment of the said County Court rendered against him to us in our General Court, and in pursuance of the said Appeal a Transcript of the process and proceedings therein was transmitted; but for as much as it hath been suggested on the part of the said Devalt Crowell that the said Record is diminished, and for as much as the Judges of our General Court are not satisfied that there is a sufficient Record sent in the Action aforesaid, but that in the Record thereof there is diminution; We therefore command you, that without delay a full Transcript of the whole proceedings therein before you had you cause to be transmitted to our Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis immediately without any diminution whatever to the end that speedy Justice may be done in the premises according to Law, Whereof you are in no wise to fail, and send you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honourable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 8th day of October Anno Domini 1790.

Issued the 23d October 1793. Jno Glenn Clk

Afterwards, to wit, on the twenty third day of October, in this same Term, October Term one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, ~~and the day of the return~~ of the aforegoing Writ, comes again into the General Court here as well the aforesaid Richard Lawrence by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Devalt Crowell by his Attorney aforesaid, and the Worshipful the Chief Justice Associate Justices, and Clerk of Ann Arundel County Court to whom the said aforegoing Writ was in form aforesaid directed in pursuance to the command thereon contained make return of the said Writ, ~~with~~ to the Court here the following Record, to wit

Anne Arundel County, to wit. At a County Court of the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for the County aforesaid on the third Monday of April being the fifteenth day of the same month in the year one thousand seven hundred & ninety three.

Present

The Honorable Joshua Seney Esquire Chief Justice; Nicholas Carroll, Samuel Ridout Esquires Associate Justices

William Goldsmith Esquire Sheriff. Nich Harwood Clk.

In the Record of Proceedings of the same Court is the following Viz.

Devalt Crowell vs Richard Lawrence

Be it remembered that the State of Maryland's Writ of Capias ad respondendum was heretofore sued out in the words and figures following Viz.

Anne Arundel County, to wit, The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting, We command you that you take Richard Lawrence late of Ann Arundel County Planter, otherwise called Richard Lawrence late of said County if he shall be found in your Bailiwick, and him safe keep so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the third Monday of September next to answer unto Devalt Crowell of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ. Witness Benjamin Nicholson Esquire Chief Justice of our said Court the 17th day of May anno Domini 1791.

Issued the 18th day of July 1791. PBK Nich. Harwood Clk

And the Plaintiff declared against the Defendant in the plea aforesaid as follows viz. Anne Arundel County, to wit, Richard Lawrence late of Ann Arundel County Planter, otherwise called Richard Lawrence of said County was attached to answer unto Devalt Crowell of a plea of Trespass upon the case and so forth. And whereupon the said Devalt by Philip Barton Key his Attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Devall on the first day of June in the year seventeen hundred and ninety at the County aforesaid was possessed of a certain Negro Girl called Peggy of the value of sixty five pounds Current money as of his own proper Negro Girl Slave, and so being thereof possessed, the aforesaid Devall afterwards to wit, on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid out of his possession casually lost, which said Negro Girl Slave afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid to the hands and possession of him the aforesaid Richard by finding came, Nevertheless the aforesaid Richard knowing the aforesaid Negro Girl Slave was the proper Negro Girl Slave of him the said Devalt, and to him the said Devalt of right did belong, contriving, nevertheless, and fraudulently intending him the said Devalt of his said Negro Girl craftily, and subtilly to deceive and defraud the Negro Girl aforesaid, although often thereunto required to him the said Devalt hath not delivered, But the said Negro Girl afterwards, to wit, on the sixteenth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one at the County aforesaid to his own proper use converted and disposed to the damage of the said Devalt in the sum of one hundred pounds Current money, and therefore he brings suit and so forth.

Philip Barton Key for the Plaintiff, Pledges Vea John Doe and Rich. Roe

A Copy of the foregoing Declaration was made and sent with the Writ aforesaid endorsed "to be served on the Defendant or left at his last place of Abode, at least eight days before the return of the said Writ.