aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed, as the Sum of one thousand six hundred and fifty one pounds of Tobacco, and one Shilling and ten pence halfpenny Current money by the Court here unto him the said Devall Crowell in his Assent adjudged for his costs and charges by him about his Suit in that behalf laid out and expended, and the said Richard Lawrence in mercy and so forth

Test Nich Harwood Clk

Memorandum, Before the Jurors aforesaid withdrew from the Bar the Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid filed in Court here the following Bill of Exceptions viz.t

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And now at the trial of the Issue aforesaid before the Jurors aforesaid the Plaintiff by his Counsel prayed the following direction of the Court to the Jury, to wit, If the Jury are of Opinion from the evidence offered in this cause that the Defendant distrained for a money rent, and the rent reserved was due and owing in Wheat, to wit, one half Share of the Crop made, then such distress is unlawful, and the Sale of the Negro by virtue of such distress was unlawful and vested no property in the Defendant. And the Court being of Opinion that the direction aforesaid was proper gave the same, to which Opinion of the Court the Defendant by his Counsel prayed leave to except, and tendered this his Bill of Exception praying the same to be signed agreeably to the Statute in such Case made and provided, which is done accordingly

Jos.a Seney (Seal)
Saml. Ridout (Seal)

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And now on the trial of the Issue aforesaid before the Jurors aforesaid the Defendant by his Counsel aforesaid prayd the following direction of the Court to the Jury. That if the Jury are of Opinion that the taking of the Negro in the Declaration mentioned was lawful, that it is necessary for the Plaintiff to prove a demand to support the present Action, and that unless the Jury are satisfied that a demand was made before the Institution of the present Suit, that they find for the Defendant, But the Court being of Opinion, that the direction aforesaid was improper refused the same, To which Opinion of the Court the Defendant by his Counsel prayed leave to except, and tendered his Bill of Exception praying the same to be signed agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided which is done accordingly

Jos.a Seney (Seal)
Nich Carroll (Seal)
Sam. Ridout (Seal)

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And now on the trial of the Issues aforesaid before the Jurors aforesaid, the Plaintiff by his Counsel prayd the following direction of the Court to the Jury, to wit, That if the Jury should be of Opinion from the evidence that upon a true construction of the contract between Lawrence and Miller, Lawrence was only to have one half of the Crop made on the Land for the year, on Account of which the distress was made, that in such case, the said distress was unlawful, and the taking in virtue of same conversion in point of Law, And the Court being of Opinion that the Direction aforesaid was proper

proper gave the same, to which Opinion the Defendant by his Counsel prayed leave to except, and tendered his Bill of Exception, praying the same to be signed, agreeably to the Statute, in such case made and provided which is done accordingly

Jos.a Seney (Seal)
Saml. Ridout (Seal)

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And now at the trial of the Issue aforesaid before the Jurors aforesaid the Defendant by his counsel prayed the following direction of the Court to the Jury, to wit, That if the Jury are of Opinion that any kind of rent was due at the time of the distress and the distress was made in the day time, and that the Defendant was a purchaser of the Negro Woman Pegg sold upon the distress upon the premises that they find for the Defendant, But the Court being of Opinion that the direction aforesaid was improper, refused to give it, to which Opinion the Defendant by his Counsel prayed leave to except, and tendered his Bill of Exception praying the same to be signed agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided, which is done accordingly.

Jos.a Seney (Seal)
Nich. Carroll (Seal)
Saml. Ridout (Seal)

The following Depositions were taken and filed in Court in virtue of and agreeably to the leave aforesaid by the Court in that behalf given as aforesaid a Copy of which said leave together with certain letters of Notice are annexed to the said Depositions, and are as follow viz.t

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By Anne Arundel County Court September Term 1792. Leave that Depositions taken in Frederick Town on ten days Notice to either party or their counsel be read as evidence. True Copy of Docket Entry

Nich Harwood Clk A.A.Co.

Mr Joshua Dorsey. Please to take Notice that at Frederick Town at Mr George Jacob Schley's Tavern on the sixteenth day of January Instant agreeable to the above Order of Anne Arundel County Court, will be taken the Depositions of William Dorsey of John, Joseph Shaston, Henry Wood, and John Norris to testify as Witnesses on behalf of the Plaintiff Devall Crowell.

Yours &c Hu Hagan Agent for the Pltff

Devall Crowell

January 3d 1793

Mem: I saw Mr Hagan deliver to Mr J. Dorsey a Copy of the above Notice

Arthur Shaaff

January 4th 1793.

January 18th 1793 Frederick Town, then appeared Arthur Shaaff before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for Frederick County, and made Oath that he was present when Mr Hugh Hagan on the 4th of January 1793 delivered a Copy in writing of the within Notice to Joshua Dorsey Esquire which said Notice was by this Deponent compared with the present one and found to be an exact Copy.

A Shaaff

Sworn before. Jacob Young

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The Deposition of William Dorsey of John taken on the 16th day of January 1793 at Mr George Jacob Schleys Tavern in Frederick Town before Jacob Young Esquire

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