his entering into Bond with Security.

And the said Tephaniah Prather by his Attorney produces to the Court here the State of Marylands Writ of Pone closed in the following words, to wit " The State of Maryland Set. To the Justices of Prince George's County, Greeting. Put before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of October next the plea which is in your County Court by our Writ between Nathan Prather Plaintiff, and Tephaniah Prather Defendant for certain Negro Slaves of the property of him the said Nathan Prather taken, and unjustly detained, as it is said: and take the aforesaid Nathan Prather that he may be there if he will to prosecute his plea thereupon against the said Tephaniah Prather, and have you then and there this Writ. Witness the Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the first day of August Anno Domini 1792.
Issued the 24th day of August 1792. (L Martin.) Jno Green Clk

Which said Writ of Pone being by the Court here received, and allowed, It is Ordered that the Proceedings in the Plea aforesaid with all things thereunto relating be transmitted to the Judges of the General Court, to be proceeded on, and heard and determined by the said Judges according to Law A Transcript whereof (together with the Writ of Pone annexed) is hereby transmitted to the Judges of the General Court accordingly.

Test. John Read Magruder Clk

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy taken from the Record of Proceedings of Prince Georges County Court, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my Office this twentieth day of September seventeen hundred and ninety two

(Seal of Prince Georges County Court)

John Read Magruder Clk of Prince Georges County Court

And now at this day to wit, the said second Tuesday of October being the ninth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two comes into the General Court here as well the said Nathan Prather by John Machall Gantt, William Hammond Dorsey, William Kelly, and Philip Barton Key Esquires his Attornies, as the said Tephaniah Prather by Gabriel Duvall and Luther Martin his Attornies, and the said ~~Nathan~~ Tephaniah Prather by his Attornies aforesaid pray leave of the Court to imparle until the second Tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted the same day is given to the aforesaid ~~Tephaniah~~ Nathan Prather also.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, to which

said day the said Nathan Prather had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here as well the said Nathan Prather by his Attornies aforesaid as the said Tephaniah Prather by his Attornies aforesaid, And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Tephaniah Prather, It is ruled by the Court here that the said Nathan Prather declare against the said Tephaniah Prather in the plea aforesaid or Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof. And the said Nathan Prather by his Attornies aforesaid prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second Tuesday of October next, and then to declare against the said Tephaniah Prather in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted the same day is given to the aforesaid Tephaniah Prather also.

And now at this day, to wit, the said second Tuesday of October being the eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, to which said day the said Nathan Prather had leave to imparle and then to declare against the said Tephaniah Prather in the plea aforesaid comes again into the General Court here as well the said Nathan Prather by his Attorneys aforesaid as the said Tephaniah Prather, by his Attornies aforesaid, And the said Nathan Prather by his Attornies aforesaid files in Court here the following Declaration to wit " Prince Georges County, to wit, Tephaniah Prather late of Prince Georges County was summoned to answer unto Nathan Prather in a plea why he took one Negro Woman Slave, called Sall, one Negro Girl named Hannah, and one Negro Boy named Harry the Negroes of him the said Nathan and unjustly detained them against Sureties and pledges and so forth. And Whereupon the said Nathan by William H Dorsey his Attorney complains that the said Tephaniah on the first day of January in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety in the County aforesaid at a certain place there called the Plantation of the said Tephaniah took the Negro Slaves of him the said Nathan, to wit, one Negro Woman named Sall, one Negro Girl named Hannah, and a Negro Boy named Harry, and unjustly detained them against Sureties and pledges, and still unjustly detains them, whereby the said Nathan says he is prejudiced, and hath Damage to the value of five hundred pounds, and therefore he produces Suit &c.

W H Dorsey for Plff Pledges &c Jno Doe & Rd Roe

And thereupon on Motion of the aforesaid Nathan Prather by his Attornies aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said Tephaniah Prather answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the aforesaid Nathan Prather in the plea aforesaid, And the aforesaid Tephaniah by his Attornies aforesaid comes and defends the force and Injury when and so forth, and saith, that the aforesaid Nathan his Action aforesaid thereof against him the said Tephaniah to have or maintain ought not, because he saith, that at the time when the taking of the