words and figures following, to wit.

The State of Maryland sc. To the sheriff of Montgomery County Greeting. We command you that you take Martha Clagett of Montgomery County widow administratrix of all and singular the Goods chattels rights and Credits which were of Richard Keene Clagett late of Montgomery county deceased who died intestate as it is said if she shall be found in your bailiwick and her safe keep so that you have her body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next, to answer unto William Bell in 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 the honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of November Anno Domini 1793.

Issued the 25th day of March 1794. (W. Cooke) John Gwinn Clk.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same month anno domini seventeen and ninety four and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ comes here into our General Court the aforesaid William Bell by William Cooke his attorney aforesaid. And the sheriff of Montgomery County to whom the said aforegoing writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed to wit.

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And the said Martha Clagett administratrix as aforesaid by John Thomson Mason her attorney, comes and defends the force and injury, when and so forth, And prays leave of the Court to imparle hereunto until next Court and she hath it the same day is given to the said William Bell also.

At which said next Court to wit, the second Tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety four comes again here into our General court as well the aforesaid William Bell by his Attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Martha Clagett administratrix aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid. And the aforesaid Martha Clagett administratrix by her attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and injury, when and so forth and prays further leave of the Court to Imparle hereunto until next Court and she hath it, the same day is given to the aforesaid William Bell also.

At which said next Court, to wit, the second Tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the same month anno domini seventeen hundred

Hundred and ninety five comes here into our General Court as well the aforesaid William Bell by his attorney aforesaid as the aforesaid Martha Clagett administratrix aforesaid by her attorney aforesaid. And the said William Bell by his Attorney aforesaid declares against the aforesaid Martha Clagett administratrix as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit.

State of Maryland Montgomery County, to wit. Martha Claggett late of Montgomery County Widow administratrix of all and singular the Goods Chattels rights and Credits which were of Richard Keene Claggett late of Montgomery County deceased who died Intestate as it is said was attached to answer unto William Bell in a plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth. And whereupon the said William Bell by William Cooke his attorney, complains that whereas a certain John Lewis being a person trading, merchandizing and using commerce in Kentuckey then in the State of Virginia and in this State to wit, at Montgomery County aforesaid did on the tenth day of October in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four at Kentuckey to wit, Montgomery County aforesaid according to the usage and custom of merchants in this State time out of mind used and approved according to the usage and custom of merchants in this State time out of mind used and approved make and with his proper hand subscribed his certain bill or note in writing bearing date the day and year aforesaid and the same bill to the said Richard Keen Clagett then in the said Montgomery County being trading and using commerce directed and by the same bill or note the aforesaid John Lewis requested the said Richard Keen Clagett to pay unto a certain John Fraizer one thousand ninety four pounds sixteen shillings Virginia Currency the said John Frazer then at the County aforesaid trading and using commerce and the aforesaid John Frazer afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid (the said sum of money or any part thereof not being paid or satisfied) by his indorsement on the said bill or note so as made subscribed and directed made and with his proper subscribed according to the usage and custom of merchants aforesaid used and approved ordered and appointed the said Richard Keen Clagett to pay the contents of the said bill or note to the aforesaid William Bell or his order for value received which said bill or note so as aforesaid subscribed and directed with the indorsement thereon as aforesaid was afterwards on the sixth day of December in the year aforesaid at the County aforesaid exhibited and shewn to the said Richard Keen Clagett and