is not yet expired and ejected the said Gilbert out of the said Lot or parcel of Ground and other wrongs to him did to the great damage of the said Gilbert and against the peace government and dignity of the State of Maryland, whereby the said Gilbert saith he is injured and damaged to the value of fifteen thousand pounds current money and therefore he brings Suit and so forth.
J. Winchester Pltffs. atty. Pledges of prosecution, John Doe Richard Roe.
Mrs. Barney & John Stricker

I am informed that you are in possession of or claim title to the premises mentioned in this declaration of Ejectment or to some part thereof, and I being sued in this action as a Casual Ejector and having no claim or title to the same do advise you to appear in the General Court of the Western Shore of the State of Maryland to be held at Annapolis on the second Tuesday of May next by some attorney of that Court and then and there by a rule to be made of the same Court to cause yourself to be made defendant in my stead, otherwise I shall suffer Judgment to be entered against me and you will be turned out of possession.

Your loving friend
Nimrod Nottle

A Copy of which said declaration and notice was made and sent to the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, thereon endorsed to be served on the defendant, tenant in possession or set up on the premises at least eight days before Court.

At which mentioned second Tuesday of May being the eighth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and the return day of the service of a copy of the foregoing declaration comes into the General Court here the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee of the said Philip Nicklin by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Baltimore County, to wit Cornelius McGinnis Gentleman to whom a copy of the said declaration in Ejectment and notice aforesaid was in form aforesaid made and sent certifies to the Court here the service thereof, in form following, to wit;

Service 23 April, Cornelius McGinnis Shff.

Whereupon the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid, by his attorney aforesaid prays that the said Nimrod Nottle, the defendant the said Ann Barney and John Stricker the tenants in possession of the said premises or those under whom they claim to the declaration aforesaid may appear; and thereupon the said Ann Barney by Luther Martin her attorney in pursuance of the notice aforesaid, comes into Court here whereupon it is ruled by the Court here with the consent of the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid, and the said Ann Barney who claims the title in question by her attorney aforesaid that the said Ann Barney be admitted defendant in the place of the now defendant Nimrod Nottle, the Casual Ejector and that she immediately receive a declaration and plead thereto the general issue, and at the trial thereon to be had, the said Ann Barney shall appear in her proper person or by her attorney or Counsel, and confess the lease entry and actual ouster and expulsion of so much of the tenements in the declaration of the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid as is in the possession of the said Ann Barney or her Tenants, or of any other person claiming by or under her title, or in default thereof that Judgment be entered against the now defendant Nimrod Nottle the casual Ejector, but that prosecution be stayed against him until he makes default in any of the premises, and it is further ruled by the Court here, with consent of Counsel that if by reason of such default the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid, shall become Nonsuit at the trial, the said Ann Barney,

Ann Barney shall take no advantage thereof but shall pay to the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid his costs and so forth. and it is further ruled by the Court here, that if upon the trial of the said issue a verdict shall be given for the said Ann Barney or if the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid shall not prosecute his declaration upon any other cause than for the not confessing lease entry and ouster as aforesaid then the said Philip Nicklin Lessor of the aforesaid Gilbert Goodtitle shall pay costs and so forth. and thereupon the aforesaid Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid declares against the said Ann Barney in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit,

Western Shore of Maryland Baltimore County fct. Nimrod Nottle late of Baltimore County yeoman was attached to answer unto Gilbert Goodtitle of a plea wherefore with force and arms he entered into all that Lot or parcel of Ground lying and being in the City of Baltimore and situate in Charles Street in the said City and fronting thereon for the breadth of fifty sea feet and extending in depth of the same breadth to an alley at the east end of the said Lot (except such part thereof as have been previously sold by a certain Luther Martin to a certain James Buchanan and which is particularly described in the Deed thereof) with the appurtenances in the County aforesaid which Philip Nicklin demised to the said Gilbert for a term which is not yet expired and ejected him from the said Lot or parcel of Ground and other wrongs to him did to the great damage of the said Gilbert and against the peace and so forth of the State and so forth, and whereupon the said Gilbert by James Winchester his attorney complains that whereas the said Philip Nicklin on the twentieth day of June in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety seven at the County aforesaid had demised to the same Gilbert the Lot or parcel of Ground aforesaid with the appurtenances to have and to hold the said Lot or parcel of Ground with the appurtenances to the said Gilbert and his assigns from the day and year aforesaid to the end and term of Twenty one years from thence next following and fully to be complete and ended by virtue of which demise the said Gilbert entered into the said Lot or parcel of Ground with the appurtenances and was thereof possessed and the said Gilbert being so thereof possessed the said Ann afterwards, that is to say, on the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight with force and arms, that is to say, with swords staves and knives entered into the said Lot or parcel of Ground with the appurtenances which the said Philip Nicklin demised to the said Gilbert in form aforesaid for the term aforesaid which is not yet expired and ejected the said Gilbert out of the said Lot or parcel of Ground and other wrongs to him did to the great damage of the said Gilbert and against the peace Government and dignity of the State of Maryland, Whereby the said Gilbert saith he is injured and damaged to the value of fifteen thousand pounds current money and thereupon he brings Suit and so forth.
J Winchester Pltffs atty. Pledges of prosecution John Doe Richd. Roe

Thereupon on motion of the said Ann Barney by her attorney aforesaid, leave is given by the Court here to the said Ann Barney to ascertain her defence and answer to the declaration of the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid until the second Tuesday of October next, the same day is given to the said Gilbert Goodtitle Lessee as aforesaid also.

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