appurtenances on the day and year first aforesaid, at the bounty aforesaid did enter and was thereof possessed, and the said Titus so being thereof possessed, and the said Titus so being thereof possessed, the said Timothy afterwards to wit, on the third day of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety seven at the bounty aforesaid, with force and arms and Soforth, into the said Tract of Land and premises with the appurtenances which the said John Snowden to the said Titus had demised in form aforesaid for the Term aforesaid which is not yet expired, entered and him the said Titus from his Farm aforesaid and premises with the appurtenances did eject and other harms to him the said Titus then and there did to the great Damage of him the said Titus and against the peace government and dignity of the State of Maryland and Soforth. Wherefore the said Titus saith he is the worse and hath sustained Damage to the value of one hundred pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and Soforth –

R.d Ridgely & Plff. pledges &c. Inf. Doe & R.d Roe

Sir. I am informed, that you are in Possession of or claim Title to the premises, in this Declaration of Ejectment mentioned or to some part thereof, and I being sued in this Action, as casual Ejector and having no claim or title to the same, Do advise you to appear to this declaration of Ejectment at the next General Court, to be held for the Western Shore, at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday in May next, by some Attorney of that Court and then and there by rule of the same Court to cause yourself to be made Defendant in my stead and to confess the lease Entry and Ouster, otherwise I shall suffer Judgment to be entered against me by default, and you will be turned out of Possession –

Thy loving Friend
Titus Fee-simple

To Mr John Ridgely
Tenant in possession

a Copy of which said declaration and notice was made and sent to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel 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 ninth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and the return day of the service of the said Copy of the aforegoing declaration, comes into the General Court here the said Titus Fee-simple, lessee of the said John Snowden by his attorney aforesaid and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid, to wit. Richard Harwood Gentleman,

to

to whom the said Copy of the said declaration in ejectment, and notice aforesaid was in form aforesaid sent, certifies to the Court here the service thereof, in form following, to wit. – Service 5 May – Richard Harwood Sheriff. Whereupon the said Titus Fee simple lessee as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid, prays, that the said Timothy Notitle, the defendant, the said John Ridgely the tenant in possession of the said premises, or those under whom he claims, to the declaration aforesaid may appear. And thereupon the said John Ridgely by Arthur Shaaff his 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 Titus Fee simple lessee as aforesaid, by his attorney aforesaid, and the John Ridgely (who claims the title in question) by his attorney aforesaid, that the said John Ridgely be admitted Defendant in the place of the now defendant Timothy Notitle, the casual ejector, and that he immediately receive a declaration, and plead thereto the General issue, and at the trial thereon to be had, the said John Ridgely shall appear in his proper person, or by his 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 Titus Fee simple lessee as aforesaid, as is in the possession of the said John Ridgely or his tenants, or of any other person claiming by or under his title or in default thereof, that Judgment be entered against the now Defendant, Timothy Notitle, the casual ejector, but that prosecution be staid 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 Titus Fee-simple lessee as aforesaid, shall become nonsuit at the trial, the said John Ridgely shall take no advantage thereof, but shall pay to the said Titus Fee simple lessee as aforesaid, his costs, &c. 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 Timothy Notitle or if the said Titus Fee simple 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 John Snowden lessor of the aforesaid Titus Fee simple shall pay costs, and Soforth. and thereupon the said Titus Fee simple lessee as aforesaid, by his attorney aforesaid, declares against the said John Ridgely in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following to wit –

Western Shore of Maryland. Anne Arundel County. To wit. John Ridgely late of Anne Arundel County Planter, was

attached