John T. Mason pltffs attorney. pledges prosecute John Doe & Richard 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 a casual Ejector and having no claim or title to the same, do advise you to appear to this Declaration of Ejectment at the next Western Shore General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October next, by some attorney of that Court and then and there by rule of the same Court to cause yourselves to be made Defendants in my stead and to confess the leave entry and ouster, otherwise Judgment will be had against me by Default and you will be turned out of possession. — I am your loving Friend, Peter Wrongheads

To John Huffer and Jacob Huffer, Tenants in possession. —

a Copy of which said Declaration and notice was made and sent against each Defendant, to the sheriff of Washington County aforesaid, thereon indorsed, to be served on the Tenants in possession of the premises or set upon the most conspicuous part of the premises at least eight days before the sitting of the Court — At which said second tuesday of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and the return day of the service of a copy of the aforegoing Declaration, comes into the General Court here the said Job Seckright lessee of the said Laurence Oneale by his attorney aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Washington County aforesaid 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. —

Washington County sct. I hereby certify to the honorable the General Court, that I did serve the Tenants in possession of the premises mentioned in the Declaration hereunto annexed, or some part thereof, with such a copy of the Declaration and notice thereunder written, and hereunto annexed, and at the same time I acquainted the said Tenants of the intent and meaning of the said Declaration and Notice thereunder written. to answer Reizer Davis Sheriff of Washington County. —

Whereupon the said Job Seckright lessee of the said Laurence Oneale by his attorney aforesaid prays that the said Peter Wrongshead the Defendant, the said John Huffer and Jacob Huffer the Tenants in possession of the said premises, or those under whom he claims, to the Declaration aforesaid may appear; And thereupon the said John Huffer and Jacob Huffer by Arthur Shaff their attorney in pursuance of the notice aforesaid, come into Court here, whereupon it is ruled by the Court here, with the Consent of the said Job Seckright lessee of the said Laurence Oneale by his attorney aforesaid, and the said John Huffer

and Jacob Huffer, who claim the title in question, by their attorney aforesaid, that the said John Huffer and Jacob Huffer be admitted Defendants in the place of the now Defendants Peter Wrongshead, the Casual Ejector, and that they immediately receive a Declaration, and plead thereto the general issue, and at the trial thereon to be had, the said John Huffer and Jacob Huffer shall appear in their proper persons or by 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 Job Seckright lessee of the said Laurence Oneale, as is in the possession of the said John Huffer and Jacob Huffer or their tenants, or of any other person claiming by or under his title, or in default thereof, that Judgment be entered against the now Defendant Peter Wrongshead the Casual Ejector, but that prosecution be staid against him until they make 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 Job Seckright lessee of the said Laurence Oneale shall become Nonsuit at the Trial the said John Huffer and Jacob Huffer shall take no advantage thereof, but shall pay to the said Job Seckright lessee of the said Laurence Oneale 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 John Huffer and Jacob Huffer, or if the said Job Seckright lessee of the said Laurence Oneale shall not prosecute his Declaration upon any other cause than for the not confessing Lease Entry and Ouster as aforesaid, then the said Laurence Oneale lessee of the said Job Seckright shall pay costs and so forth. And thereupon the said Job Seckright lessee of the said Laurence Oneale by his attorney aforesaid, declares against the said John Huffer and Jacob Huffer in the plea aforesaid in manner and form following to wit.

General Court, Western Shore, Washington County sct. John Huffer and Jacob Huffer late of Washington County planters were attached to answer unto Job Seckright of a plea wherefore with force and arms they entered into all that tract and parcel of plantable land called and known by the name of Strife situate and lying in Washington County aforesaid, and containing nine hundred and eighty two acres, which Laurence Oneale demised to the said Jacob Seckright for a Term of years which is not yet passed, and ejected him from his said Farm, and other wrongs to him did to the great Damage of the said Job Seckright and against the peace Government and Dignity of the State and so forth.

And whereupon the said Job Seckright by John Thomson Mason his attorney complains that whereas the said Laurence Oneale on the first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven