Gentlemen,

I am informed that you are in possession 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 at the next Court to be held for Harford County, on the third Monday in March next at Bell Air by some attorney of that Court and then and there by rule to be made of the same Court to Cause yourself to be made defendants in my stead otherwise I shall suffer judgment to be entered against me and you will be turned out of possession.

To Messrs. Zenas and Isaac Hughes Tenant in possession: 5th September 1797.

Your Loving friend
William Stiles

At which said third Monday in March it being the third Monday in March seventeen hundred and ninety eight cometh the aforesaid Richard Smith by Aquila Hall his attorney and now likewise cometh here the sheriff of Harford County to wit Robert Amos Junior and maketh return here that he served a Copy of the aforesaid declaration in Ejectment the twenty fifth day of January seventeen hundred and ninety eight. And now here likewise cometh Zenas Hughes and Isaac Hughes by John Johnson their attorney, who (with leave first had) defends the force and injury, when and soforth and saith that they are in no wise guilty of the trespass and Ejectment aforesaid as the said Richard above complains against him and thereof they put themselves upon the Country and the said Richard doth likewise the same. Therefore let a jury come thereupon before the justices of Harford County Court at the Court house in the said County on the third Monday in August next who neither and soforth to recognize whether the said Zenas and Isaac Hughes be guilty of the trespass and Ejectment aforesaid because as well the said Zenas and Isaac as the said Richard between whom the diference is have put themselves on the said Jury, the same day is there given to the parties aforesaid. Afterwards the process therein being continued between the said parties of the plea aforesaid by the Jury is put between them in respite before our said justices untill the third Monday in March next.

At which said third Monday in March it being the third Monday in March seventeen hundred and ninety nine come the parties aforesaid by their said attornies and now here likewise cometh twelve good substantial Freeholders to wit, wit

David

David Crane, Richard Hutchins, Samuel Bayles, Thomas Richardson, Nicholas Horner, John Ashmore, Benjamin Richardson, Elijah Hansbury, Alexander McComas, Benjamin Rowland, Absolom Galloway and Thomas Jeffery who after being Elected tried and sworn to speak the truth of the matter within contained were withdrawn and leave given to amend, General defence withdrawn and defence on warrant, And now here at the same time the aforesaid Zenas Hughes and Isaac Hughes produced to the Court the State of Maryland's writ of Certiorari which is allowed and is in the words and figures following, to wit.

The State of Maryland &c. To the Chief justice Associate Justices and Clerk of Harford County Court Greeting. Whereas lately, in Harford County Court Zenas and Isaac Hughes were attached to answer unto David West's Lessee in a plea of trespass and Ejectment and soforth which said plea is still depending, before you in the said County Court as it is undetermined and the General Court being desirious for certain reasons that the record and proceedings in the plea aforesaid should by you be certified to them you are therefore hereby commanded to send under your seals the record of the proceedings aforesaid in the plea aforesaid with all things touching the same unto the said General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of May next plainly and distinctly, and in as full and ample manner as it now remains before you together with this writ so that the said General Court may be able thereon to proceed and to do what shall appear to them of right ought to be done. Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief judge of the said General Court the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight Issued the 21st day of January 1799.

T. Johnson. John Gwinn Clk.

I Hereby certify, that the aforegoing record is truly transcribed from the proceedings of Harford County Court in the within and aforegoing action.

Seal of Harford Coty Court

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal of office this tenth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety nine.

John Lee Gibson, Clk.

At which aforementioned second Tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine and the day of the return of the said