Jason Jones's Lessee against William Stiles, Casual Ejector. Philip Hammond Watts, Tenant.

Be it remembered, that heretofore towit, on the Twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine; Richard Smith lessee of Jason Jones by John Johnson his attorney, declared in the General Court here against William Stiles, in a plea of Trespass and Ejectment, with a notice thereto annexed, in form following towit. – State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County, towit, William Stiles late of Anne Arundel County aforesaid yeoman was attached to answer unto Richard Smith of a plea wherefore with force and arms he entered into all that tract a parcel of land called Jones's Risque containing sixty two and one half acres of plantable land, which Jason Jones demised to the said Richard for a Term which is not yet expired, and ejected him from his said Tract a parcel of land aforesaid and other wrongs to him did to the great damage of him the said Richard and against the peace of the State of Maryland and so forth. – And whereupon the said Richard by John Johnson his attorney complains that whereas the said Jason Jones on the First day of November in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three at Anne Arundel County aforesaid demised to him the said Richard the tract a parcel of land aforesaid, called Jones's Risque with the appurtenances; To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances to the said Richard and his assigns from the said First day of November in the year aforesaid to the end and Term of Twenty years from thence next following fully to be complete and ended; By virtue of which demise the said Richard entered into the said Tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances and was thereof possessed, and being so thereof possessed, the said William afterwards towit, on the second day of November in the same year with force and arms, that is to say with swords, clubs, fists and so forth entered into the said tract or parcel of land called Jones's Risque with the appurtenances, which the said Jason Jones had demised to the said Richard in form aforesaid, for the Term aforesaid, which is not yet expired, and ejected him out of the same, and other wrongs to him did to the great damage of him the said Richard and against the peace of the State of Maryland and so forth, wherefore the said Richard says he is the worse and has damage to the value of Two hundred pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth. – John Johnson for Plaintiff.

Pledges and so forth – John Doe and Richard Roe.

Mr. Philip Hammond Watts – I am informed 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 at the next General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday in May next, and then and there to cause yourself to be made Defendant by a rule to be made by said Court in my stead, otherwise I shall suffer Judgment to be entered against me and you will be turned out of possession: Your loving friend, William Stiles. –

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 the sitting of the Court. – At which said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, being the day of the return of the service of the Copy of the said aforegoing Declaration, comes into the General Court here, the said Richard Smith lessee of the said Jason Jones by his attorney aforesaid, and the sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid, 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 towit. – Copy served the 15th of February. – John Welch Sheriff. – Whereupon the said Richard Smith lessee of the said Jason Jones by his attorney aforesaid, prays, that the said William Stiles, the Defendant, the said Philip Hammond Watts, the Tenant in possession of the said premises, or those under whom he claims, to the Declaration aforesaid may appear; and thereupon the said Philip Hammond Watts by Philip Barton Key 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 Richard Smith lessee of the said Jason Jones, by his attorney aforesaid, and the said Philip Hammond Watts (who claims the title in question) by his attorney aforesaid, that the said Philip Hammond Watts be admitted Defendant in the place of the now Defendant William Stiles, 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 Philip Hammond Watts 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 Richard Smith lessee of the said Jason Jones, as is in the possession of the said Philip Hammond Watts, 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, William Stiles, 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 Richard Smith lessee of the said Jason Jones, shall become Nonsuit at the trial, the said Philip Hammond Watts shall take no advantage thereof, but shall pay to the said Richard Smith