Achsah Ridgely against Nicholas Gassaway. } Be it remembered, that heretofore towit, on the Twenty eighth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine; Achsah Ridgely by Richard Ridgely her attorney, prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here, the Writ of the State of Maryland of Summons, in an action for Dower, directed to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, against Nicholas Gassaway, in form following towit. The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting: Command Nicholas Gassaway late of Anne Arundel County, Gentleman that justly and without delay he render unto Achsah Ridgely widow of Basil Ridgely deceased, the third part of the Freehold in and to two tracts, parts of tracts and parcels of land, the one called Dorseys Addition to Thomas's Lott, the other called Morehouses Generosity containing Two hundred acres of land lying and being in the County aforesaid which was of the said Basil Ridgely in the possession of the said Nicholas Gassaway with the appurtenances in the County aforesaid, as the Dower of her late Husband, whereof she hath nothing, or otherwise that he the said Nicholas Gassaway be and appear before the Judges of the General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October next, to shew cause why he should not render the same to her: Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ: Witness the honorable Jeremiah Townley Chase Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court the Thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. Issued the 28th day of August 1799. – A.R. – Jno. Gwinn Clk: Whereupon the said Achsah Ridgely by her attorney aforesaid, declared in the Court here against the said Nicholas Gassaway in the plea aforesaid, in form following towit. Western Shore: State of Maryland: Anne Arundel County towit: Nicholas Gassaway late of Anne Arundel County, Gentleman, was summoned to answer Achsah Ridgely, widow of Basil Ridgely, deceased of a plea that he render unto her the said Achsah who was the wife of the said Basil Ridgely, her reasonable Dower of in and to two Tracts, parts of tracts and parcels of land, the one called Dorseys Addition to Thomas's Lott, the other, called, Morehouses Generosity, containing Two hundred acres of land, lying and being in the County aforesaid, which to the said Achsah Ridgely belongs of the Freehold, which was of the aforesaid Basil Ridgely some time, the Husband of the said Achsah Ridgely in Anne Arundel County aforesaid, of which she hath nothing as she alleggeth, and of which she Complains,



the said Nicholas Gassaway hath deforced her and so forth: And whereupon the said Achsah Ridgely by Richard Ridgely her attorney, demandeth against the said Nicholas Gassaway, her reasonable Dower of in and to all these two Tracts, parts of tracts and parcels of land, the one called Dorseys Addition to Thomas's Lott, the other called Morehouses Generosity, containing Two hundred acres of land, lying and being in the County aforesaid which was of the Freehold of the said Basil Ridgely late of the County aforesaid, some time the Husband of the said Achsah Ridgely of which she hath nothing and of which the said Nicholas Gassaway hath deforced her and so forth. Richard Ridgely for Plaintiff – Pledges &c. Jn.o Doe & R.d Roe. – A copy of which said Declaration was made and sent to the sheriff of the County aforesaid, with the said aforegoing Summons, thereon endorsed, to be served on the Defendant, with the said Summons, or left at his place of abode, Twenty days at least 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 nine, being the day of the return of the said aforegoing Summons, comes into the General Court here, the said Achsah Ridgely by her attorney aforesaid and the sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid to whom the said summons was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed towit. – Sum.d Copy left 18.th Sept. – John Welch Shff. Whereupon the said Nicholas Gassaway by John Johnson his attorney, appears in Court here, and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday of May next, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Achsah Ridgely also. – At which said second tuesday of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Achsah Ridgely by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Nicholas Gassaway by his attorney aforesaid: And on motion of the said Achsah Ridgely by her attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Nicholas Gassaway answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Achsah Ridgely in the plea aforesaid, or Judgment by the Court here will be rendered against him in default thereof: And the said Nicholas Gassaway by his attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury when and so forth, and prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday of October next, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Achsah Ridgely also. – At which said second tuesday of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred, till which said day the said Nicholas Gassaway had leave to imparle and then to answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Achsah Ridgely in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Achsah Ridgely by her attorney aforesaid, as the said Nicholas Gassaway by his attorney aforesaid: