Charles Ridgely & Ruth his wife's Lessee
against
Edward Norwood

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight the said Edward Norwood by Richard Ridgely his attorney sued out of the General Court the writ of the State of Maryland of Certiorari directed to the Justices of Baltimore county in the words and figures following to wit

The State of Maryland Sc. To the Justices of Baltimore county Greeting. Whereas lately in our said Court Edward Norwood late of Baltimore county yeoman was attached to answer unto John Nokes lessee of Charles Ridgely and Ruth his wife of a plea of trespass and ejectment and so forth, which said plea is still depending before you our said Justices in our said county court as it is said undetermined: and we being desirous, for certain reasons that the record and proceedings in the plea aforesaid, should by you be certified to us, do command you, that you send under your seals the record of the proceedings aforesaid in the plea aforesaid with all things touching the same, unto our 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 we may be able thereon to proceed, and to do what shall appear to us of right ought to be done. Witness the Honourable Robert Goldsborough Esq. chief Judge of our said Court the first day of November anno Domini 1797. Issued the 24th day of January 1798. (R.R.) Jno. Quinn clk

At which mentioned second tuesday of May being the eighth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and the day of the return of the foregoing writ. The Chief Justice and associate Justices of Baltimore county court aforesaid certify and transmit to the court here in obedience to the command of the said writ, a Record of the proceedings in the plea aforesaid; before them had, together with the said writ and which said Record of the proceedings aforesaid is in the words and of the tenor following to wit.

Baltimore County to wit. At a County Court of The State of Maryland, held at the Court House in the City of Baltimore in and for the County aforesaid the first Monday in April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight

Present. Henry Ridgely Esq. Chief Justice
William Winchester
William Owings } associates
Cornelius H. Gist Esq. Shff. — William Gibson clk

Among other were the following proceedings viz.

John Nokes Lr. of Baltimore County
Charles Ridgely & wife
vs
Timothy Notitle
Edward Norwood Tenant

Baltimore County Sc. Timothy Notitle late of Baltimore County Yeoman was attached to answer unto John Nokes of a plea, why force and arms he entered upon the following tracts of land situate in Baltimore county, that is to say all that tract of land called United Friendship otherwise called The United Friendship, containing seven hundred acres, also all that other Tract of land called Ludlows Lott, containing two hundred acres, also all that other tract of land called Larkins Addition containing four hundred acres, also all that other Tract of land called Lloyd & Ludlows Lott, containing two hundred acres with the Appurtenances to the said Tracts of land belonging which Charles Ridgely and Ruth his wife based to the said John Nokes for a term which is not yet expired and ejected him the said John Nokes from The Tracts of land aforesaid and did to him other wrongs to the great damage of the said John Nokes and against the peace Government and Dignity of the State of Maryland &c. And whereupon the same John Nokes by James Winchester his attorney complains that whereas the said Charles Ridgely and Ruth his wife on the first day of January anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety six at the county aforesaid, had based to the said John Nokes the Tracts of land and premises aforesaid with the appurtenances, To have and to hold the same to the said John Nokes and his assigns to the full end and term of fifty years thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended. By virtue of which said base he the said John Nokes entered into the tracts of land and premises aforesaid with the appurtenances and was thereof possessed, and he the said John being so thereof possessed he the said Timothy afterwards to wit on the second day of January seventeen hundred and ninety six entered with force and arms into the Tenements and premises aforesaid, with the appurtenances which the said Charles Ridgely and wife had demised to the said John Nokes in the form aforesaid, for the said term and which is not expired and ejected him from his said farm, and did to him other wrongs to the great damage of him the said John Nokes, against the peace government and dignity of the State of Maryland, wherefore he saith that he is injured and hath damage to the value of fifty pounds current money & thereupon he brings suit &c.

James Winchester Plffs atty

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

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