force and arms, entered into the said Four undivided fifteenth parts of the said tract of land with the appurtenances, which the said William Smith, to the said Ralph, had demised in form aforesaid, for the term aforesaid, which is not yet expired, and ejected the said Ralph out of his said Farm; and other wrongs to him did to the great damage of the said Ralph, and against the peace of the State of Maryland; whereby, the said Ralph saith he hath sustained damage to the amount of Four thousand pounds current money of Maryland; and thereupon he bringeth suit &c. &c. —

Luther Martin for the Plff: Pledges to pros: Mr. Doe & Richd. Roe

Gentlemen, I am informed, that 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 title or claim to the same, do advise you to appear, at the next General Court, to be held for the Western Shore of the State of Maryland at October Term 1797. by some Attorney of that Court, and then and there, by a rule of the said Court, to cause yourselves 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. — Your loving Friend, Peter Stiles. —

To Messrs. Edward Norwood & Samuel Norwood. — Baltimore County, July 19th 1797. —

Copies of which said Declaration and notice was made and sent to the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, thereon endorsed, to be served on the Tenants in possession, & set up on the premises, eight days at least before the sitting of the Court. —

At which said second tuesday of October, being the Tenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and the day of the return of the service of the copies of the aforegoing Declaration, comes into the General Court here, the said Ralph Stiles lessee as aforesaid by Luther Martin and Philip Barton Key his Attornies, and the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid, to whom, copies of the said Declaration in Ejectment, and notice aforesaid, were in form aforesaid sent, certifies to the Court here, the service thereof, on each of the said Tenants, in form following, to wit. — Copy served 16th August, H. Stevenson, Shff.

Whereupon, the said Ralph Stiles lessee as aforesaid, by his Attornies aforesaid, prays, that the said Peter Stiles, the Defendant, the said Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood, the Tenants in possession of the said premises, or those under whom they claim, to the Declaration aforesaid may appear; And thereupon, the said Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood

Norwood by Richard Ridgely, John Thomson Mason and James Winchester their Attornies, in pursuance of the notice aforesaid, come into Court here, whereupon it is ruled by the Court here, with the consent of the said Ralph Stiles lessee as aforesaid, by his Attornies aforesaid, and the said Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood (who claim the title in question) by their Attornies aforesaid, that the said Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood be admitted Defendants in the place of the now Defendant Peter Stiles, 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 Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood shall appear in their proper persons, or by their 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 Ralph Stiles lessee as aforesaid, as is in the possession of the said Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood, or their Tenants, or of any other person claiming by, or under their title, or in default thereof, that Judgment be entered against the now Defendant Peter Stiles, 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 Ralph Stiles lessee as aforesaid, shall become Nonsuit at the trial, the said Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood shall take no advantage thereof, but shall pay to the said Ralph Stiles lessee as aforesaid, 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 Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood, or if the said Ralph Stiles lessee as aforesaid, shall not prosecute his Declaration upon any other cause than for the not confessing Lease, Entry and ouster, as aforesaid, then the said Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Nicholas Carroll, Daniel Carroll of Duddington, Robert Carter, Abraham VanBibber, Isaac VanBibber and William Smith lessors of the said Ralph Stiles shall pay Costs; and so forth; And thereupon, the said Ralph Stiles lessee as aforesaid, by his Attornies aforesaid, declares against the said Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood, in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following, to wit: Western Shore of the State of Maryland, Baltimore County, ss. Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood late of Baltimore County, Gentlemen were attached to answer Ralph Stiles of a plea, wherefore with force and arms they entered into one undivided fifth part of a certain tract of land called Yates his Forbearance, with the appurtenances, situate in Baltimore County, which Charles Carroll of Carrollton demised to the said Ralph Stiles for a Term which is not yet expired, and ejected him from his said Farm; And also wherefore, with force and arms