Philip so being thereof possessed the aforesaid John Groves to wit, on the same first day of January) at the County) aforesaid with force and arms and so forth into the premises with the appurtenances aforesaid which the said John Chew Thomas & Mary his wife to him the said Philip in form aforesaid had demised for the Term aforesaid which is not yet past entered and him the said Philip from his Farm aforesaid did Eject and other harms to him the said Philip then and there did to the great Damage of the said Philip and against the peace Dignity and Government of the State of Maryland and so forth: whereby the said Philip saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of One thousand pounds current money and therefore he brings suit and so forth. —

Pledges &c. { John Doe & Richard Roe

Jonathan R. Wilmer for Plaintiff

Whereupon the said Philip Title lessee of the said John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife by his attorney aforesaid, prays that the said John Groves to his Declaration aforesaid may answer; and the said John Groves by his attorney aforesaid, 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 then to ascertain his defence, and answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Philip Title lessee of the said John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife, in the plea aforesaid, and he hath it; the same day is given to the said Philip Title lessee of the said John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife, and so forth. —

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 to which said day the said John Groves had leave to imparle, and then to ascertain his defence, and answer to the Declaration of the said Philip Title lessee of the said John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Philip Title lessee of the said John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife by his attorney aforesaid, as the said John Groves by his attorney aforesaid: and the said John Groves by his attorney aforesaid, as before defends the force and injury, when and so forth, and takes defence according to his pretensions, as they shall appear to be laid down on the return of a warrant of Resurvey, to be issued in this cause, and says, that he is not Guilty of the Trespass and Ejectment aforesaid in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, in manner and form as the Philip Title lessee of the said John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife above complains against him, and of this he puts himself upon the Country, and the said Philip Title lessee of the said John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife in like manner: And thereupon on the motion of the said Philip Title lessee of the said John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife by his attorney aforesaid, it is ordered by the Court here, that the writ of the State of Maryland of Warrant of Resurvey, issue in this cause; and the same

accordingly issues, directed to the sheriff and Surveyor of Prince Georges County in form following to wit. — The State of Maryland, to wit. To the Sheriff and Surveyor of Prince Georges County, Greeting. Whereas at a General Court, begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven it was so far proceeded in a certain plea of Trespass and Ejectment, in the said Court depending between a certain John Chew Thomas and Mary his wife's Lessee plaintiff, and a certain John Groves, defendant, that it was considered absolutely necessary, for the better information of the said Court and the Jury, in the truth of the premises, that all that tract or parcel of plantable land called Snowden's Discovery lying and being in Prince Georges County containing Two hundred acres more or less with the appurtenances, be carefully resurveyed and laid out according to the ancient metes and bounds thereof, as in the original certificate of Survey thereof is expressed, to the end that the said lands in controversy, and the claims and pretences of both parties, may more plainly and indifferently appear to the Court and Jury; Therefore you the said surveyor in the presence of you the said Sheriff, are here hereby commanded carefully to survey and lay out, as well the said lands in dispute as any other land adjacent thereto, which shall be thought necessary by the said Plaintiff & Defendant to be laid out for the better illustration of the matter, according to the claims and pretensions of the plaintiff, in the presence of the Defendant, if he, being summoned think fit to be present, and without any interruption of him the said Defendant, or if absent, notice to be left at his place of residence, or last place of abode; and likewise survey and lay out the same lands in dispute as aforesaid, according to the claims and pretensions of the Defendant, in the presence of the Plaintiff if he, being summoned, think fit to be present, without any interruption of him, the said Plaintiff, or if absent, notice to be left at his place of residence, or last place of abode: And you the said Sheriff are hereby empowered to examine, upon oath, any Witness or Witnesses that by either of the said parties shall be produced in relation to the same; and you the said Sheriff are hereby ordered to give both the said parties thirty days notice before the day of the execution of this writ; and you the said surveyor are hereby commanded to return five fair certificates and plots therefor, drawing the pretences of the Plaintiff in black lines, and the pretences of the Defendant in pricked lines, as well under the hand and seal of you the said Sheriff, as you the said Surveyor, to the said General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next, that the said Court and Jury, being rightly informed of the truth of the premises, may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains, and so forth. Witness the honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire, Chief Judge of the said Court, the Twenty ninth day of January