Samuel Ringgold, plaintiff, and a certain Peter Malott, 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 of plantable land called and known by the name of The number of Four, situate in the said County of Washington and being a part of the Reserve around Conegocheigue Manor and containing four hundred and eighty one acres of land be carefully resurveyed and laid out according to the Ancient notes 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 hereby commanded carefully to resurvey 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 or 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 October 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 Fifth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. — Issued the 20th day of June 1797.

John Grinn Clk.

S. T. Mason for Plaintiff.
R. B. Key & Shaaff for Defendant.

And thereupon the same day is given to the parties aforesaid then and there, 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, and the day of the return of the aforegoing Warrant of Resurvey, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Peter Peaceable lessee of the said Samuel Ringgold by his Attorney aforesaid, as the said Peter Malott by his attornies aforesaid. And the Sheriff and Surveyor of Washington County aforesaid, to whom the said Warrant of Resurvey was in form aforesaid directed, make return thereof to the Court here, with five plots and certificates thereto annexed: Whereupon the parties aforesaid, by their attornies aforesaid, pray leave of the Court here to amend the said plots and certificates returned under the warrant of Resurvey aforesaid to the Court here in this cause, and to add thereto, if necessary, by the second tuesday of May next, and to them it is granted; and the same are delivered to the Sheriff and Surveyor of Washington County aforesaid, for that purpose; Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by order of the Court here is continued until the said second tuesday of May next.

At which said second tuesday of May being the Eighth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and the day of the return of the said Warrant of Resurvey, plots and certificates, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Peter Peaceable lessee of the said Samuel Ringgold by John Thomson Mason and Luther Martin his attornies, as the said Peter Malott by his attornies aforesaid: And the Sheriff and Surveyor of Washington County aforesaid, to whom the said Warrant of Resurvey, plots and certificates were delivered, for the purpose of amending the said plots and certificates or adding thereto if necessary, return the same to the Court here, as amended: Whereupon the parties aforesaid, by their attornies aforesaid, pray leave of the Court here to amend the said plots and certificates under the Warrant of Resurvey aforesaid returned to the Court here in this cause, and to add thereto, if necessary, by the second tuesday of October next, and to them it is granted; and the same are delivered to the Sheriff and Surveyor of Washington County aforesaid, for that purpose; And the said Peter Malott by his attornies aforesaid, defends the force and injury when and so forth, and saith that he is not Guilty of the Trespass and Ejectment aforesaid, in the Declaration aforesaid mentioned, in manner and form as the said Peter Peaceable lessee of the said Samuel Ringgold above against him hath complained, and of this he puts himself upon the Country, and the said Peter Peaceable lessee of the said Samuel Ringgold in like manner: Therefore let a Jury thereon appear before the Court here, on the second tuesday of October next, by whom and so forth, and who neither and so forth, to recognize and so forth, because