Joseph Williams hath defaced her and so forth. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this writ. Witness the Honorable Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court the ninth day of October Anno domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. Issued the 1st day of February 1799. — R R. — Jno Gwinn Clk. —

A copy of the aforegoing Declaration was again made and sent with the said last mentioned Summons, to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid thereon endorsed as aforesaid. —

At which said second tuesday of May being the fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, and the day of the return of the last aforegoing writ of Summons, comes again into the General Court here, the said Ruth Basil 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 to wit. — Not Summoned. — John Welch, Sheriff. — And the said Joseph Williams does not come; Thereupon the said Ruth Basil by her attorney aforesaid, prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here an alias writ of the State of Maryland of Summons against the said Joseph Williams, directed to the sheriff of Anne Arundel County in form following to wit. — The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting. Command Joseph Williams late of Anne Arundel County planter, if he shall be found in your bailiwick that he 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 answer Ruth Basil widow of John Basil late of Anne Arundel County deceased of a plea that he render unto her the said Ruth who was the wife of the said John her reasonable Dower of in and to all that tract of land called Hickory Hills and Franklins Enlargement containing fifty seven acres of land lying and being in Anne Arundel County aforesaid which to the said Ruth belong of the Freehold which was of the aforesaid John Basil heretofore her Husband of which she hath nothing as she alleyeth and of which she complains the said Joseph Williams hath defaced her and so forth. 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 Anno domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. — — — — —

Issued the 23d day of September 1799. — (R R) — Jno Gwinn Clk. —

A copy of the aforegoing Declaration was again made and sent with the said last mentioned Summons, to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid thereon endorsed as aforesaid. —

At which said second tuesday of October being the Eighth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine,

and the day of the return of the last aforegoing writ of Summons, comes again into the General Court here, the said Ruth Basil 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 to wit. — Not Summoned. — John Welch, Sheriff. — And the said Joseph Williams does not come; Thereupon, the said Ruth Basil by her attorney aforesaid, prosecuted and sued forth out of the General Court here an alias writ of the State of Maryland of Summons against the said Joseph Williams, directed to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in form following to wit. — The State of Maryland Sc. To the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting. Command Joseph Williams late of Anne Arundel county planter if he shall be found in your bailiwick that he be and appear before the Judges of the General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next to answer Ruth Basil widow of John Basil late of Anne Arundel County deceased of a plea that he render unto her the said Ruth who was the wife of the said John her reasonable Dower of in and to all that tract of land called Hickory Hills and Franklins Enlargement containing fifty seven acres of land lying and being in Anne Arundel County aforesaid which to the said Ruth belong of the Freehold which was of the aforesaid John Basil heretofore her Husband of which she hath nothing as she alleyeth and of which she complains the said Joseph Williams hath defaced her and so forth. 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 Eighth day of October Anno domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine. — —

Issued the 27th day of January 1800. — R R. — Jno Gwinn Clk. —

A Copy of the aforegoing Declaration was again made and sent with the said last mentioned Summons, to the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County aforesaid thereon endorsed as aforesaid. —

At which said second tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred, and the day of the return of the last aforegoing writ of Summons, comes again into the General Court here, the said Ruth Basil 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 to wit. — Summoned, Copy left the 17th April. — John Welch, Sheriff. Whereupon, comes into the General Court here, the said Joseph Williams by Richard Hall Harwood his attorney, and on motion of the said Ruth Basil by her attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Joseph Williams answer to the Declaration aforesaid of the said Ruth Basil