At which said second tuesday of May being the twelfth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and one, and the day of the return of the aforegoing writ of Certiorari, the Chief Justice, Associate Justices and Clerk of Anne Arundel 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 form following tourt. — Anne Arundel County Sct. At a County Court of the State of Maryland, begun and held at the City of Annapolis in and for the County aforesaid on the third monday of April tourt, the 20th day of the same month in the year 1801. — were present — The Worshipful Henry Ridgely Chief Justice, Horatio Ridout, Associate Justice. — Henry Howard Gent. Sheriff — Nich. Harwood Clk. — Ats. Rll. William Smith vs Jl. Samuel Ward. — Memorandum, the plaintiff sued out the States writ of Replevin in the words and figures following tourt. — Anne Arundel County sct. The State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, Greeting: Whereas William Smith has come into our County Court and found sufficient sureties as well for his clamour to prosecute as for a certain negro Woman named Bett and her children named Kate, Sophy, Ben, Maria and Jack the proper goods and chattels of him the said William Smith which Samuel Ward hath taken and unjustly detained against sureties and pledges as it is said to be returned if the return thereof shall be adjudged, We therefore command you that the goods and chattels aforesaid to the aforesaid William Smith be replevied and delivered you cause and that you put by sureties and safe pledges the said Samuel Ward that he be and appear before the Justices of our County Court to be held at Annapolis on the third monday of April next to answer unto William Smith of a plea of taking and unjustly detaining the goods and chattels aforesaid and how you shall execute this writ that you make unto the Justices of the same Court at the day and place aforesaid and have you then and there this writ. Witness Henry Ridgely Esquire chief Justice of our said Court the 18th day of September Anno domini 1799. — Issued 18th day of Sept. 1799. — A.S. — Nich Harwood Cl. — At which said third monday of April tourt, the 21st day of the same month in the year Eighteen hundred, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, comes the said William Smith by Arthur Shaaff his attorney, and the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County to whom the same writ was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed tourt, Replevied and Delivered John Welch, Sheriff. — And the said Samuel Ward by John Johnson his attorney comes and defends the force and injury when and so forth, and

prays leave to imparle hereunto until next Court, and he hath it, and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. — At which said next Court, tourt the third monday in September eighteen hundred, comes again the said parties plaintiff and defendant by their attornies aforesaid, and the said Defendant by his said attorney prays further leave to imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also. — And the said William Smith by his attorney aforesaid, declared against the said Samuel Ward in the plea aforesaid as follows tourt, Anne Arundel County, tourt, Samuel Ward late of Anne Arundel County was summoned to answer unto William Smith in a plea wherefore he took one negroe woman named Bett and her children named Kate Sophy, Ben, Maria and Jack the proper goods and chattels of him the said William and unjustly detains them against securities and pledges as it is said. And whereupon the said William Smith by Arthur Shaaff his attorney saith whereas the said Samuel Ward on the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine at the County aforesaid the aforesaid goods and chattels the property of him the said William, he took and the same goods and chattels unjustly detains against sureties and pledges, wherefore the said William Smith saith he is injured and hath damage to the value of Two hundred pounds current money; and therefore he brings suit and so forth. — Arthur Shaaff for Plf — Pledges Ca. John Doe, Richard Roe. And now here at this day tourt, the third Monday in April, Eighteen hundred and one, comes again as well the said William Smith by his attorney aforesaid, as the said Samuel Ward by his attorney aforesaid, and the said Samuel Ward by his said attorney produces to the Court here the States writ of Certiorari which is allowed by the Court here and the Record ordered to be transmitted accordingly; The State of Maryland Sct. To the Chief Justice, Associate Justices and Clerk of Anne Arundel County Court, Greeting. Whereas lately in Anne Arundel County Court, Samuel Ward was summoned to answer unto William Smith in a plea of Replevin, which said plea is still depending before you, in the said County Court, as it is said, undetermined. And the General Court being desirous, for certain reasons that the Record and proceeds in the plea aforesaid should by you be certified to them: you are therefore hereby commanded to send under your seal the Record of the proceedings aforesaid in the plea aforesaid with all things touching the same unto the said 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