attorney aforesaid, prosecutes and sues forth out of the General Court here the writ of the State of Maryland of Retorno Habendo, directed to the Sheriff of Baltimore County, in form following to wit. — The State of Maryland &c. To the Sheriff of Baltimore County, Greeting: Whereas Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams of Calvert County have come into the General Court and found sufficient sureties as well to abide by the Judgment of the said General Court, touching one negro woman named Doll and two negro Boys named Charlbo & Harry as also to make return of the said negro Slaves to Enoch Churchman of Baltimore County to whom the said negro Slaves have been delivered by virtue of a writ of Replevin directed to the Sheriff of Calvert County; And the said General Court having adjudged the return of the said negro Slaves to the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams on their finding sureties to return the said negroes if it shall be so adjudged. You are therefore hereby commanded that the said negro Slaves to wit a negro woman named Doll, and two negro Boys named Charlbo and Harry to the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams you cause to be delivered if in your bailiwick they or either of them shall be found; and how you shall execute this writ, you make known to the said General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of May next, and have you there & there this writ. Witness the honorable Jeremiah T. Chase Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court the Eighth day of October anno Domini seventeen hundred & ninety nine. —

Issued the 25th of October 1799. — (Sd.) — John Gwinn Clk.

And the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams by their attorney aforesaid, defend the force and injury, when, and so forth, and pray leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday of May next, and to them it is granted; the same day is given to the said Enoch Churchman also. —

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, and to which said day the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams had leave to imparle, come again into the General Court here, as well the said Enoch Churchman by his attornies aforesaid, as the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams by their attorney aforesaid; And the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid to whom the said last writ was in form aforesaid directed, makes return thereof to the Court here, thus endorsed to wit. — Returned as per Schedule. — Cornelius H. Gist, Shff. — Which said Schedule follows to wit. A Schedule of the Goods and Chattels of Enoch Churchman seized and taken at suit of Sarah Simmons & Benjamin Williams by virtue of a writ of Retorno Habendo to the Sheriff of Baltimore County directed,

and appraised by us the subscribers who being first duly summoned & sworn for that purpose. given under our hands and seals this first day of November 1799. — 1 negro Woman named Doll. 1 negro Boy named Charlbo. 112.10.0.

Tho: Donovan (Seal) — James Shaw (Seal) — Wm Ashew (Seal) —

1799. Nov. 1. Recd the within mentioned negroes from the Sheriff of Baltimore. — — Benjn Williams. —

Whereupon, on motion of the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams by their attorney aforesaid, it is ruled by the Court here, that the said Enoch Churchman declare against the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams in the plea aforesaid, a Judgment by the Court here will be entered against him in default thereof: And the said Enoch Churchman by his attornies aforesaid, prays leave of the Court here to imparle until the second tuesday of October next, and then to declare against the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams in the plea aforesaid, and to him it is granted; the same day is given to the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams also. —

At which said second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred, to which said day the said Enoch Churchman had leave to imparle and then to declare against the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams in the plea aforesaid, come again into the General Court here as well the said Enoch Churchman by Luther Martin and Walter Dorsey his attornies, as the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams by John Johnson and John Mackall Gantt their attornies: Whereupon the said Enoch Churchman by his attornies aforesaid, declares against the said Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams in the plea aforesaid, in manner and form following to wit. —

Western Shore, State of Maryland, Calvert County, to wit, Sarah Simmons and Benjamin Williams late of Calvert County yeomen were summoned to answer unto Enoch Churchman in a plea wherefore he took one negro woman named Doll and two negro Boys named Charlbo and Harry the proper negro slaves of him the said Enoch Churchman and them unjustly detain against Gages & pledges &c. And whereupon the said Enoch Churchman by Luther Martin his attorney complains that the aforesaid Sarah and Benjamin on the first day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine at Calvert County aforesaid, took the aforesaid negro woman named Doll and two negro Boys named Charlbo and Harry the proper negro slaves of him the said Enoch Churchman and them unjustly detain against sureties and pledges and whereby the said Enoch saith he is the worse and hath Damages to the value of One thousand pounds current money and thereupon he brings suit, and so forth. —

L. Martin & W. Dorsey. Attys. for Plff. — pledges to prosecute John Doe & Richd Roe.