and hath sustained damage to the value of five thousand pounds
Current money and therefore he brings his suit &c.

Luther Martin plaintiffs Attorney pledges &c. John Doe
Richard Roe

Thereupon on motion of the said John Laidler by his attornies aforesaid
leave is given by the Court here to the said John Laidler to ascertain his
defence and answer to the declaration aforesaid of the said John
Denn Lessee as aforesaid in the plea aforesaid until the second
tuesday of may next the same day is given to the said John Denn
Lessee as aforesaid &c. At which said second Tuesday of May being
the tenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and three till which said day the said John Laidler
had leave to ascertain his defence and answer to the declaration
aforesaid of the said John Denn Lessee as aforesaid comes again into
the General Court here as well the said John Denn Lessee as aforesaid
by his attornies aforesaid as the said John Laidler by his attornies
aforesaid and the said John Laidler by his attornies aforesaid
defends the force & injury when &c. and takes his defence of and
upon the premises in question upon his title thereto and says that he
is not guilty of the trespass and ejectment in the said declaration
mentioned in manner and form as the said John Denn Lessee
as aforesaid above complains against him and of this he puts
himself upon the country &c. and the said John Denn Lessee as
aforesaid in like manner &c. Therefore let a Jury thereon appear
before the Court here on the second Tuesday of October next by
whom &c. and who neither &c. to recognize &c. Because as well
&c. the same day is given to the parties aforesaid there &c. At
which said second Tuesday of October being the eleventh day of the
said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and three comes again into the General Court here as well the said

John Denn Lessee as aforesaid by his attornies aforesaid as the said John
Laidler by his attornies aforesaid and this cause standing ready for trial
the said John Laidler offers himself ready for trial in the plea aforesaid
thereupon the said John Denn Lessee as aforesaid by his attornies aforesaid
suggests to the Court here that he cannot safely proceed at this Term to
the trial of this cause for want of material and competent Testimony
without the State and prays that a further day may be given for the
trial thereof and also that Commissions may issue to the Town of Alexandria
in the District of Columbia and to the Town of Dumfries in the State
of virginia to examine evidences in this cause and that the deposition to
be taken under and in virtue of the said Commissioners, and therewith
returned, may be read in evidence at the trial of the issue aforesaid
and the same are granted him whereupon the said John Denn Lessee
as aforesaid and the said John Laidler by their said attorneys pray the
Court here that the Commission to be issued to Alexandria in the district
of Columbia aforesaid may be directed to Abraham Faw Esquire of the
said Town and that he examine &c. returnable with all convenient
speed &c. and that the Commission to be issued to Dumfries in the State
of virginia aforesaid may be directed to John Lawson of the said last
mentioned Town and that he examine &c. returnable with all convenient
speed &c. and thereupon the same Commissions accordingly issue
&c. whereupon on motion of the said John Laidler by his attornies aforesaid
it is ordered by the Court here that the said John Laidler recover against
the said John Denn Lessee as aforesaid the sum of seven dollars, fifty
cents and quantity of one hundred and seventy six pounds of Tobacco.
by the Court here adjudged unto the said John Laidler for his costs
and charges which he hath sustained laid out and expended
in and about his defence of this suit since the last continuance of the
plea aforesaid And thereupon with the consent of the parties aforesaid
by their attornies aforesaid and by order of the Court here further