and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and said That he was not Guilty of the Trespass aft. in the Declaration aforesd. against him alledged in manner and form as the said Josias above against him complained and of that he put himself upon the Country and so forth.

Therefore a Jury was ordered to come before the Court there the second Tuesday in April then next Twelve &c. Who neither &c. to Recognize &c. Because as well &c. The same day was given to the aft. John Moore &c.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and Eighty came the Parties aft. by their Attornies aft. Therefore it was further ordered that a Jury should come before the Court there the second Tuesday of September then next Twelve &c. Who neither &c. to Recognize &c. Because as well &c. The same day was given to the aft. John Moore &c.

And now here to wit the same second Tuesday of September Seventeen hundred and eighty cometh the Parties aft. by their Attornies aft. Whereupon to try that Issue It is commanded to the several Sheriffs of the Eastern Shore of this State to cause to come here before the Judges aft. Twelve &c. Who neither &c. to Recognize &c. Because as well &c. And thereupon Robert Elzey, Walter Jackson, James Kent, Samuel M'Clemmy, Anthony Simms, Augustine Boyer, Samuel Maffett, James Seth, Richard Tilghman Junior, William Polk Senior, John Woodland, & Alexander Beck, do come and in that Jury are sworn Who to say the Truth of the Premisses being Elected Tried and Sworn upon their Oath do say. That the aft. John Moore is Guilty of the Premisses above upon him Imposed in manner and form as the aft. Josias Ringgold in the Declaration of Trespass above against him hath complained And that the said Josias Ringgold by means of the Trespass aft. hath sustained Damage to the value of Four hundred and forty Pounds current Money and one Pound of Tobacco more than his Cost expended.

Therefore It is considered by the Court here that the aft. Josias Ringgold do recover against the said John Moore his Damages aft. to Four hundred and forty Pounds, current Money and one Pound of Tobacco by the Jurors aft. in form aft. assessed as also

Pounds of Tobacco for his Costs and Charges unto the same Josias Ringgold by the Court and by his Assent adjudged and so forth. and the aft. John in Mercy &c.

James Earle Clk

Josias Ringgold against John Moore.	The State of Maryland. To the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County Greeting Whereas a certain John Moore is detained in the Prison of our said County under the Custody

of you our said Sheriff at the Suit of a certain Josias Ringgold of a Plea wherefore with force and arms and so forth the Close of him the said Josias lying and being in Kent County aft. the said John Broke and Entered and one hundred Hickory Trees, one hundred black oak Trees, one hundred red oak Trees, and one hundred white oak Trees of the value of twenty shillings each Tree then and there growing in the said Close he the said John then and there cut down felled and carried away and other Harms to him the said Josias then and there did to the great damage of the said Josias and against the Peace and so forth. which said Plea as it is said still depends before you our said Justices undetermined And we being willing for divers Causes that the Plea aft. undetermined as aft. shall be heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court for the Eastern Shore of our said State Therefore We Command you that you have the body of the said John Moore by whatever Name or Names he may be called in the Plea aft. together with the Cause of his Caption and Detention and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State in the County of Talbot at the Court house in the County aft. the second Tuesday of April next that our Judges of our General Court may further proceed therein as to Justice appertains and so forth. hereof fail not at your Peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness the Honourable William Paca Esquire chief Judge of our said Court this twenty first day of September Anno Domini 1778. G. James Earle Clk

Issued the 15th day of February 1779. February 20th 1779 Allowed by

Nic. Thomas.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April seventeen hundred and seventy nine came the aft. Josias Ringgold by Joseph Nicholson his Attorney And the Justices and Sheriff of Kent County aft. made return of the Record and Proceedings aft. in the words following to wit

The Execution of the above Writ appears by the following Proceedings The Answer of John Scott, William Bordley, James Claypoole, Robert Maxwell, Samuel Davis, Morgan Hurt and Jonathan Worth Esquires Justices of the Peace for Kent County and William Merritt Esquire High Sheriff of the same County. We John Scott, William Bordley, James Claypoole, Robert Maxwell, Samuel Davis, Morgan Hurt and Jonathan Worth Justices as aft. and William Merritt Sheriff. To the Honourable the Justices of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland Certify That Command was given to the Sheriff of Kent County on the Monday before the third Tuesday of November Seventeen hundred and seventy seven that he should take the body of John Moore late of Kent County Planter if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of our next County Court to be held at the Court house in the Town of Chester in said County on the Monday before the third Tuesday of March next to answer unto Josias