The State of Maryland

At a General Court held for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland in the County of Talbot at the Court house in the County aforesaid the second Tuesday of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one by the States Judges duly Commissioned and sworn to hold the same Court of whom were present.

The Honourable	Robert H. Harrison. Nicholas Thomas...	Esquire

John Needles Sheriff. James Earle Clk

William Middleton & Sarah his Wife... against William Price and Rachel his Wife...	The State of Maryland. Command was given to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County that he should take William Price late of Queen Anns County Planter and Rachel his Wife otherwise called Rachel Roe of Queen Anns County Widow if they should be found in his bailiwick and them safe keep so that he should have their Bodies before the Judges of the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State at Talbot County Court house the second Tuesday of September then next to answer unto William Middleton and Sarah his Wife lately called Sarah Roe of a Plea that they should render unto them the sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling Money which to them they owe and unjustly detain and so forth. And that he should not thereof fail at his Peril And that he should have then and there that Writ Witness The Honourable Nicholas Thomas Esq.re one of the Judges of said Court the 23.d day of April Anno Domini 1779. Issued the 15.th day of July 1779. J. N. James Earle Clk.

At which a.f.d second Tuesday of September 1779. came the a.f.d William Middleton and Sarah his Wife by Joseph Nicholson Sum.r their Attorney And the Sheriff of Queen Anns County a.f.d made return of the Writ a.f.d in the words following to wit Cepi Price Non Est. Wife

N Wright Sheriff

And the a.f.d William Middleton and Sarah his Wife by their Attorney a.f.d offered themselves in the Plea a.f.d and complained against the a.f.d William Price and Rachel his Wife in manner and form following. to wit Maryland Queen Anns County to wit. William Price late of Queen Anns County Planter and Rachel his Wife otherwise called Rachel Roe of Queen Anns County Widow were summoned to answer unto William Middleton and Sarah his Wife lately called Sarah Roe of a Plea that they render unto them the Sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling Money w.ch to them they owe and unjustly detain and so forth.

And Whereupon the said William and Sarah by Joseph Nicholson