By Virtue of the within Writ I have made Deliverance to the within Emanuel Kent of the Negroes within Specified as within to me is commanded.

Thos. Smyth Shff.

And the aft. John Moore by Joseph Nicholson Junior came and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and prayed liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action aft. untill the Monday before the third Tuesday of November next and he had it the same day was given to the aft. Emanuel here &c.

At which said Monday before the third Tuesday of November came again the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. and the aft. John by his Attorney aft. further defended the force and Injury when &c. and prayed further liberty of imparling thereof here to the Action aft. until the third Tuesday of March next and he had it the same day was given to the aft. Emanuel here and so forth.

At which said third Tuesday of March Seventeen hundred and seventy four came again the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. and the aft. Emanuel by his Attorney aft. complained thereof against him the said John in the Plea aft. in the following Words.

Kent County to wit. John Moore late of Kent County was summoned to answer unto Emanuel Kent of a Plea wherefore he took one Negro Girl Slave named Rachel and one Negro Girl Slave named Sarah the Proper Negro Slaves of him the said Emanuel and them unjustly detained against Sureties and Pledges until and so forth. And Whereupon the aft. Emanuel by James Holly day his Attorney complains that the aft. John Moore the first day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy three at Kent County aft. in a certain Place there called the Plantation took the Negro Slaves aft. the proper Slaves of him the said Emanuel and them unjustly detained against Sureties and Pledges until and so forth Wherefore the said Emanuel saith he is the worse and hath damage to the Value of one hundred Pounds current Money and therefore he bringeth Suit and so forth.

John Doe
Pledges and so forth { and
Richd. Roe

James Holly day.

In Testimony that the above is a true Copy of the Record and Proceedings in the Action aft. I have hereunto affixed the Seal of Kent County and subscribed my name this first day of August Anno Domini 1774

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At which aft. second Tuesday of September 1774 came the aft. John Moore by Samuel Chase his Attorney And the aft. John Moore by his Attorney aft. Prayed Liberty of Imparling thereof there of there untill the second Tuesday of April then next and he had it the same day was given to the aft. Emanuel Kent there &c.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April 1775 came the parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. John by Samuel Chase his Attorney came and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and said that he did not take the Negroes aft. called Rachel

and Sarah or either of them as the aft. Emanuel by his Writ and Declaration aft. above supposeth and of this he putteth himself upon the Country and so forth.

And the aft. John by leave of the Court here and according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided further defended the force and Injury when and so forth and said that he the said Emanuel his Action aft. against him the said John to have or maintain ought not because he said that at the time when the taking the said Negroes is above supposed to be done the Property of the said Negroes called Rachel and Sarah and each of them was in him the said John and not in the said Emanuel as he by his Writ and Declaration aft. hath above supposed and this he is ready to verify wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Emanuel his Action aft. against him to have and maintain ought &c.

And the aft. John by the leave aft. and according to the form of the Statute further defends the force and Injury when and so forth and saith that the said Emanuel his Action aft. thereof against him to have or maintain ought not because he saith that the original Writ of him the said Emanuel was sued on the thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and seventy four and not before and that the Cause of Action on which the said Emanuel hath above complained did not accrue to him the said Emanuel at any time within three years before the said thirtieth day of May aft. in the year aft. the day of the Suing of the Writ aft. and this the said John is ready to verify and so forth. Wherefore he Prays Judgment if the said Emanuel his Action aft. against him to have and maintain ought and so forth.

And the aft. Emanuel Kent by his Attorney aft. prayed liberty of Continuing his Action thereof there until the second Tuesday of September then next and he had it the same day was given to the aft. John Moore there &c.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September 1775. came the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And thereupon the Proceeds between the Parties aft. was continued there from the aft. second Tuesday of September 1775 to the second Tuesday of April Anno Domini 1778. according to the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland in that case made and provided.

At which aft. second Tuesday of April 1778. came the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. Emanuel by his Attorney aft. Prayed further liberty of continuing his Action thereof there until the second Tuesday of September then next & he had it the same day was given to the aft. John there &c.

At which aft. second Tuesday of September 1778 came the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. And the aft. Emanuel Kent as to the said first Plea of the said John putteth himself upon the Country there of in like manner &c.

And as to the second Plea of the said John the said Emanuel saith that he by any thing by the said second plea alledged from having and maintaining his Action aft. against him the said John to be precluded ought not because he saith that at the time when the taking the said Negroes is above supposed to be done the property of the said Negroes called Rachel & Sarah and each of them was in him the said Emmanuel in manner & form