At which aft. second Tuesday of September 1781. came the parties aft. by their Attorney's aft. And the aft. Plaintiff by his Attorney aft. Prayed that a Rule of Court be made for the aft. Defendants to Answer to the Declaration of Trespass and Ejectment of him the said Plaintiff the then next April Term and it was Granted unto him

Thereupon It was Ruled by the Court there That as Thomas Johnson Esq. the Counsel on Record for the defendants having accepted the Office of Governor and left the Bar And not having Qualified as an Attorney since the Expiration of his Office and it not appearing to the Court that the said Defendants have employed any other Attorney. That the Defendants aft. should appear the second day in the then next April Term and plead to the said Ejectment or Judgment should be entered against them by default And that the Sheriff of Kent County serve the said Defendants with a Copy of that Rule and make return thereof the first day of said April Term then next.

And now here to wit the second Tuesday of April 1782. cometh the aft. Gilbert Falconar by his Attorney aft. And the Sheriff of Kent County aft. maketh return That on the Day of Anno Domini 1781. He served the Defendant Luke Myers with a Copy of the Rule of Court as to him it was commanded.

And the aft. Luke Myers although solemnly called cometh not nor to the Declaration of him the said Gilbert Falconer doth answer but maketh Default.

Therefore It is considered by the Court here that the aft. Gilbert Falconar do recover against the said Luke Myers his several Terms aft. yet to come of and in the Tract or Parcel of Land called Partnership with the Appurtenances lying and being in Kent County aforesd. containing three thousand Acres of Land And upon this the aft. Gilbert Falconer do pray the Writ of The State of Maryland directed to the Sheriff of Kent County to cause him to have Possession of his Terms aft. yet to come of and in the Tract or Parcel of Land with the Appurtenances and to him it is Granted &c. James Earle Clk.

Caleb Ricketts & Robert Walters against Thomas Knotts

The State of Maryland Command was given to the Sheriff of Caroline County that he should take Thomas Knotts late of Caroline County Planter if he should be found in his Bailiwick and him safe keep so that he should have his body before the Judges at the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State in the County of Talbot at the Court house in the same County the second Tuesday of April then next to answer unto Caleb Ricketts and Robert Walters in a Plea of Trespass upon the Case 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. one of the Judges of said Court the 21st day of September Anno Domini 1779. Issued the 4th day of March 1780. Test. James Earle Clk

At which aft. second Tuesday of April 1780. came the aft. Caleb Ricketts and Robert Walters by Robert Wright their Attorney. And the Sheriff of Caroline County aft. made return of the Writ aft. in the Words following to wit

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And the aft. Caleb Ricketts and Robert Walters by their Attorney aforesd. offered themselves in the Plea aft. against the aft. Thomas Knotts and complained in manner and form following to wit

The Eastern Shore of Maryland to wit. Thomas Knotts late of Caroline County Planter was attached to answer unto Caleb Ricketts and Robert Walters in a Plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth.

And Whereupon the said Caleb and Robert by Robert Wright their Attorney complain that whereas the said Thomas on the thirtieth day of September seventeen hundred and seventy nine at Caroline County on the Eastern Shore of Maryland aft. in Consideration that the said Caleb and Robert at the special Instance and request of the said Thomas had assumed upon themselves and to the said Thomas then and there had faithfully promised that they the said Caleb and Robert would well & truly pay unto the said Thomas the sum of Seven Pounds ten shillings lawful Money of Maryland for every Bushel of Wheat for two hundred Bushels of Wheat weighing fifty eight Pounds weight by the Bushel and the further sum of three shillings like Money aft. by the Pound weight for every Pound weight the said Wheat should weigh over and above the said fifty eight Pounds weight by the Bushel of Wheat aft. deducting the sum of three shillings like Money by the Pound weight for every Pound weight the said Wheat should weigh under the said fifty eight Pounds weight by the Bushel of Wheat aft. on the delivery of the said two hundred Bushels of Wheat aft. at the dwelling house of them the said Caleb and Robert on Tuckahoe Creek he the said Thomas on the said day and year aft. afterwards to wit at the Eastern Shore aft. in Consideration of the Premises aft. upon himself assumed and to the said Caleb and Robert then and there faithfully promised to deliver to the said Caleb and Robert at their dwelling house on Tuckahoe Creek the full Quantity of two hundred Bushels of good clean Wheat each Bushel thereof weighing fifty eight Pounds weight when afterwards he should be thereunto required yet the said Thomas not regarding his Promise and Assumption made as aft. but contriving and fraudulently intending craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the said Caleb and Robert in that behalf the said two hundred Bushels of good clean Wheat nor any part thereof to the said Caleb and Robert hath not delivered altho. thereto afterwards to wit on the