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 April Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and eighty three by the States Judges duly Commissioned and sworn to hold the same Court of whom were present

The Honourable	Alexander Contee Hanson	Esquires
Samuel Thomas Sheriff		James Earle Clk.

Edward Lloyd's Lessee against Francis Baker	The State of Maryland Talbot County to wit. Ben Bucy Cody late of Talbot County Planter was attached to answer unto Moses Meek of a plea wherefore

with force and Arms into all that Tract or parcel of Plantable Land called Betty's Branch lying and being in Talbot County aft. in the Branches of St. Michaels River with the Appurtenances containing three hundred and twenty five Acres of Land which Edward Lloyd to him the said Moses Meek demised for a Term which is not yet past He the said Ben Bucy Cody did enter and him the said Moses Meek from his farm aft. did eject and other harms to him the said Moses then and there did to the great damage of the said Moses Meek and against the Peace Government and Dignity of the State of Maryland &c

And Whereupon the same Moses Meek by Robert Goldsborough Esq. his Attorney complaineth that whereas the aft. Edward Lloyd the tenth day of May in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy Eight at Talbot County aft. had demised to him the said Moses Meek the aft. Tract of Land and Premisses with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging To have and to hold the same Tract of Land and Premisses with the Appurtenances to him the said Moses Meek and his Assigns from the twentieth day of April then last past untill the full end Term of ten Years thence next following fully to be compleat and ended by Virtue of which said Demise the said Moses Meek into the aft. Tract of Land and Premisses with the Appurtenances did enter and was thereof possessed & the said Moses Meek so thereof being possessed the aft. Ben Bucy Cody afterwards to wit on the twentieth day of the aft. May in the year Seventeen Hundred and seventy eight aft. at the County aft. with force and Arms & so forth into the aft. Tract of Land and Premisses with the Appurtenances aft. which the said Edward Lloyd to the said Moses Meek in form aft. had demised for the Term aft. which is not yet past entered and him the said Moses Meek from his farm aft. did eject and other harms to