with all proceedings relating thereto be put before the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State af.d on the second Tuesday of September next plainly and distinctly and in as full a manner as it now remains before the same Court And it is further ordered that it be made known unto the said John Anderton that he then and there appear if he mean further to prosecute his said Action of Replevin against the af.d Anthony Sims.

N. Hammond Clk.

Dorchester County to wit. In Testimony that the Action of Replevin af.d and all the proceedings belonging to the same as they are above and within transcribed were faithfully and exactly copied from the Records and Proceedings of Dorchester County Court contained in Liber I. C. H. No. 1. folio 31, 32, 33, and 34, one of the Record Books of the County af.d I have hereto affixed the Public Seal of my Office this first day of September Anno Dominii 1781. (Seal.)

N.o Hammond Clk.

At which af.d second Tuesday of September 1781. came the af.d Anthony Sims by Gustavus Scott his Attorney, and defended the force and Injury when and so forth. And prayed liberty of Imparling thereof there until the second Tuesday of April then next and he had it the same day was given to the af.d John Anderton there and so forth.

At which af.d second Tuesday of April 1782. came the Parties af.d by their Attorneys af.d And the af.d Anthony Sims by his Attorney af.d prayed further liberty of Imparling thereof there until the second Tuesday of September then next and he had it the same day was given to the af.d John Anderton there and so forth.

At which af.d second Tuesday of September 1782. came the Parties af.d by their Attorneys af.d And the af.d Anthony Sims by his Attorney af.d prayed further liberty of imparling thereof there until the second Tuesday of April then next and he had it the same day was given to the af.d John Anderton there and so forth.

At which af.d second Tuesday of April 1783 came the parties af.d by their Attorneys af.d And the af.d Anthony Sims by Robert Goldsborough Junr. his Attorney came and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and said that he did not take the Negro Slaves in the Declaration af.d mentioned or either of them in manner and form as the said John above against him has complained and of that he put himself upon the Country &c so forth.

And the said Anthony by leave of the Court there according to the form of the Statute in such case provided came and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and further said that the said John his Action af.d thereof against him to have and maintain ought not because he said that the Negro Slaves in the Declaration af.d mentioned at the time when the taking af.d was above supposed to be done were & each of them was the Property of him the said Anthony to wit at Dorchester County af.d without this that the said Negro Slaves or either of them at the time af.d were

or was the property of him the said John as he by his Writ and Declaration has alledged And this the said Anthony was ready to verify Wherefore he prayed Judgment if the said John his Action af.d thereof against him to have and maintain ought and so forth.

And the said Anthony by leave of the Court there according to the form of the Statute in such case provided came and defended the force and Injury when and so forth and further said that the said John his Action af.d thereof against him to have and maintain ought not because he said that the Cause of Action af.d in the Declaration af.d mentioned did not arise and accrue to the said John any Time within three Years next before the day of suing out the said original Writ of him the said John in this Cause And this the said Anthony was ready to verify Wherefore he prayed Judgment if the said John his Action af.d thereof against him to have and maintain ought and so forth.

And the af.d John Anderton by his Attorney af.d 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 af.d Anthony Sims there and so forth.

And now here to wit the same second Tuesday of September 1783 cometh the Parties af.d by their Attorneys af.d And the af.d John Anderton by his Attorney af.d saith as to the first plea of the af.d Anthony Sims above pleaded, in like manner and so forth. And the said John Anderton as to the second plea of the af.d Anthony Sims above pleaded saith that he by any thing by the said Anthony in his said second plea alledged from having and maintaining his Action af.d thereof against him the said Anthony Sims to be precluded ought not because he saith that the property of the af.d several Negro Slaves in the Declaration af.d mentioned and of all and every of them at the af.d time when they are above alledged to be taken by the said Anthony was and yet is in him the said John Anderton in manner and form as he by his Writ and declaration af.d above hath alledged and not in the said Anthony Sims, to wit at Dorchester County af.d And this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and so forth and the af.d Anthony Sims in like manner and so forth.

And the af.d John Anderton as to the third plea of the said Anthony Sims above pleaded saith that he by any thing by the said Anthony in his said third plea alledged from having and maintaining his Action af.d thereof against him the said Anthony Sims to be precluded ought not because he saith that the cause of Action af.d of him the said John Anderton in the Declaration af.d mentioned did arise and accrue to him the said John Anderton within three years next before the impetration and suing out of the said original Writ of him the said John Anderton in this Cause against him the said Anthony Sims as the said John Anderton above against him hath declared to wit at Dorchester County af.d And this he prays may be enquired of by the Country and so forth. And the af.d Anthony Sims in like manner and so forth.

And the af.d Anthony Sims by his Attorney af.d further defends the force & Injury when and so forth and saith that he cannot gainsay the Action af.d of the af.d John Anderton nor can he deny but that he took and unjustly detained the Negro