he should have then and there that writ, &c.

At which said second Tuesday of April, seventeen hundred and eighty six, being the day of the return of the aforegoing writ, came the said Joseph Lecompte Executor as aforesaid, by his Attorney, and the Sheriff of the County of the County aforesaid, to whom the aforegoing writ was directed likewise came and made return of the writ aft in manner and form following, to wit. "Cepi. Corpus. Thos. Lockerman Shff." Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said parties and her Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon was continued until the second Tuesday in September then next Following.

At which said second Tuesday of September, seventeen hundred and eighty six, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid: And the said William Lecompte filed in Court here the following Deposition, to wit.

The Deposition of Elizabeth Rogers, aged about fifty four years, being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, touching her knowledge concerning some negroes in dispute between Joseph Lecompte Plaintiff and William Lecompte Defendant, Deposeth and saith about thirty nine years ago that she heard the three Brothers Samuel, Joseph and William Lecompte all three agree that a negro named Sam should goe to Samuel Lecompte, and a negro boy named Harry should goe to Joseph, and that a negro girl named Sarah should goe to Billy or William Lecompte, and she the Deponent

further sayd the three Brothers say they all agreed to there choice and was well satisfied; and further saith that the three Brothers said that as they had the misfortune to Lose their old negro, they would have no dispute hereafter, and the Deponant further saith that the said Samuel Lecompte say that Joseph Lecompte may take his negro Boy, and William his negro Sarah, as there own; and further the Deponant saith, that about two years after the above Conversation, that Joseph Lecompte was very sick, and then they she heard Samuel and William Lecompte signified that if he died without a Will that the Negro Boy Harry should goe to his Wife and Child, and further this Deponant saith not.

Taken and acknowledged before me this 29th day of May 1786. } Eliz: her E mark Rogers. Thos. Jones.

Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid, by consent of the said parties, and their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court here thereon was further continued until the second Tuesday of April, then next following. At which said second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, came again the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid: And the said Joseph Lecompte Executor as aforesaid, filed his Declaration in the Plea aforesaid, against the said William Lecompte in manner and form following, to wit.

Maryland } William Lecompte (of Moses) late of
Dorchester County, to wit } Dorchester County Planter, was Attached to answer unto Joseph Lecompte Executor of the last Will and