Testament of Samuel Lecompte deceased, of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth.

And whereupon the same Joseph Lecompte by Gustavus Scott his Attorney complains that whereas he the same Joseph Lecompte as Executor of the last Will and Testament of the aforesaid Samuel Lecompte deceased on the twenty fourth day of May, in the year seventeen hundred seventy four at Dorchester County aforesaid was possessed of the several following Slaves, as of his own proper Slaves, to wit; One Negro Woman Slave named Sarah of the price of One hundred pounds current money; one negro Woman Slave named Lilt, of the price of One hundred pounds current money; one negro Woman Slave named Rose, of the Price of One hundred pounds current money; one negro Boy Slave named Elisha, of the price of One hundred pounds current money; one negro boy Slave named Caleb, of the Price of One hundred pounds current money; one Negro girl Slave named Renice, of the price of One hundred pounds current money; one negro Girl called Clare, of the price of One hundred pounds current money, and one negro boy Slave called Charles, of the price of One hundred pounds current money; and being so possessed ..... of all and singular the several Slaves before mentioned, out of his hands and Possession casually lent the same: which said several Slaves afterwards, and after the letters Testamentary aforesaid granted to the same Joseph, to wit, on the twenty second day of February, in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred eighty and six,

at Dorchester County aforesaid, to the hands & possession of the same William Lecompte by finding did come: Nevertheless the same William Lecompte well knowing the several Slaves aft to be the proper Slaves of him the same Joseph as Executor of the same Samuel, and to him as Executor aforesaid, of right to appertain and belong, yet contriving and fraudulently minding the same Joseph in this Craftily to deceive and defraud of the said several Slaves, hath not delivered the said Slaves or any of them to him the same Joseph (altho' often thereto required) but afterwards, to wit, on the said second day of February in the year seventeen hundred eighty and six, at the County of Dorchester aforesaid; he the same William Lecompte the Slaves aft & every and each of them, to his own proper benefit & use did convert and dispose: Wherefore the same Joseph saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of One thousand pounds current money of Maryland, and therefore he brings suit, &c. And the said Joseph brings here into Court the letters Testamentary of the said Samuel by which it sufficiently appears to the Court here that the said Joseph is Executor of the last Will and Testament of the said Testament of the said Samuel & has Administration thereof, &c.

Gust. Scott. -- Pledges, &c. John Doe & Richd. Roe.

And the said Joseph Lecompte by his Attorney aft, prays that the said William Lecompte to his Declaration aforesaid might answer: Whereupon it was ruled by the Court at the prayer of the said Joseph Lecompte that the same William Lecompte should answer to the Declaration aforesaid, by the second Tuesday