In the Records and proceedings of Worcester County Court among other matters and things it is contained Viz.t

Worcester County to wit. At a Court of the State of Maryland held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County of Worcester aforesaid the first Tuesday of June to wit, the fourth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two by the State's Justices the peace in and for the County aforesaid to keep a signe of Solomon were Present.

The Worshipful { John Selby, John Pitts, Josiah Martin } { James Martin, William Stevenson, John Parramore } Esquires State's Justices

George Truitt Shff.

Sam: Dellonis Clk.

Annanias Rhodson against Hampton Hopkins } Command was given to the Sheriff of Worcester County that he should take Hampton Hopkins late of Worcester County planter if he should be found in his bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of the County Court of Worcester at a Court to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday of June anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty to answer unto Annanias Rhodson of a plea of trespass upon the Case and so forth. At which said first Tuesday of June came the aforesaid Annanias Rhodson by Robert Done Gentleman his attorney and the Sheriff to wit, John Scott Gentleman now here returned that he had taken the aforesaid Hampton Hopkins whose body here at this day he hath ready to answer unto the aforesaid Annanias Rhodson of the plea aforesaid as by the foregoing writ he was commanded. Whereupon the said Hampton Hopkins puts in his place Josiah Polk Gentleman his attorney at Law against the aforesaid Annanias Rhodson of the plea aforesaid upon which at the request of the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid day is to them now here given until next Court to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday of October then next following in the same State as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and so forth, At which said first Tuesday of October came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and at the request of the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid further day is to them now here given until the next Court to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday of March then next following in the same State as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here

and so forth. At which said first Tuesday of March came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and at the request of the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid further day is to them now here given until the next Court to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid, the first Tuesday of June then next following in the same State as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and so forth, At which said first Tuesday of June came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and at the request of the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid further day is to them now here given until the next Court to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday of October then next following in the same State as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and so forth, At which said first Tuesday of October came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and at the request of the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid further day is to them now here given until the next Court to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday of March then next following in the same State as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and so forth At which said first Tuesday of March came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid and at the request of the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid further day is to them now here given until the next Court to be held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid the first Tuesday of June then next following in the same State as at present saving to the parties aforesaid here and so forth, At which said first Tuesday of June came again the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid upon which the said Annanias Rhodson complains of the said Hampton Hopkins of a plea aforesaid in manner and form following, to wit, Worcester County &c. Hampton Hopkins late of Worcester County planter was attached to answer unto Annanias Rhodson of a plea of trespass upon the Case and so forth, And whereupon the said Annanias by Robert Done his attorney complains that whereas the said Annanias on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine, and ever since at the County aforesaid was seized in his Demesne as of fee of a part of a tract of land called Haughgate and part of a tract of land called Hardship which lands aforesaid in the County aforesaid lie contiguous to and near the lands of the aforesaid Hampton Hopkins in the County aforesaid and that a natural and ancient water course rises and begins in the lands of the said Annanias and runs through the lands of the said Annanias, to wit, the part of the tract of land called Hardship aforesaid which said water course continues to run through the lands of the said Hampton and empties itself