Deceased was Seized in his Demesne as of fee of and in two certain Tracts or parcels of Land and premises, the one Called "Hereford" and the other Called "Stone" otherwise Called "Stow" lying and being in and near Nash water River in Dorchester County aforesaid and Contiguous adjoining to each other, according to the disciplines, metes and bounds in their respective patents Expressed, (which said patents are here to annexed) together with the Severall and respective appurtenances thereunto Belonging; and so being Seized thereof as aforesaid the said Joseph Merchant, afterwards to wit the day and year aforesaid, at the County aforesaid, died, leaving lawful issue, three daughters, Sarah, Sorhiba and Rebecca, Co-heirs at Law, who afterwards entered and now Stand in their demesne as of fee of and in the Lands and premises aforesaid that the said daughters & Co-heirs of the aforesaid Joseph Merchant severally intermarried to wit, the said Sarah with a certain Thomas Mapleford, the said Sorhiba with a certain William Pritchett, and the said Rebecca with a certain Thomas Mallone, all of the County aforesaid, and afterwards to wit, on or about the twenty seventh of September in the year seventeen hundred and fifty two with their respective Husbands did mutually agree to make partition of the said and premises aforesaid of the Severall Lands and premises which descended to them from the said Joseph Merchant their father as aforesaid; that in pursuance of such agreement the said Thomas Mapleford, William Pritchett and Thomas Mallone, and their respective wives aforesaid afterwards, to wit, the day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid, by their joint deed, bearing date the same day and year aforesaid, made and delivered by their respective did make partition by metes and bounds of the Severall Lands and premises aforesaid by virtue of which agreement and Deed a certain part or portion of the said Lands and premises, to wit, the aforesaid tract of Land Called "Stone" otherwise Called "Stow" and all that part of the said tract of Land Called "Hereford" which lies to the Northward of the divisional line on the plat hereto annexed, along by the letters Black A, Black B and Black F on the same plat annexed, was appointed assigned and metes apart to and for the said Sorhiba Pritchett and William Pritchett, aforesaid, in right of his wife; that the said William Pritchett in right of his said wife and the said Sorhiba by virtue of the said agreement and Deed, immediately afterwards to wit, the same day and year aforesaid, did enter into and Seized that part of the or portion of the Lands and premises aforesaid which was appointed, assigned and metes apart to them as aforesaid and were Seized thereof in Severalty, and that the said partition hath ever since Continued and the state Continues firm and stable in virtue of the agreement and the deed aforesaid, and it is hereby further Stated, agreed to and admitted by the parties that while the said William Pritchett and Sorhiba his wife were Seized as aforesaid of the part or portion aforesaid of the Lands and premises aforesaid, to wit, on the thirty first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and fifty three, the said William Pritchett did make application to the Land Office of the two purchases of aforesaid, and did obtain a special Warrant to resurvey the aforesaid two tracts of Land Called "Hereford" and "Stone," otherwise Called "Stow" and for other purposes in the same warrant mentioned; and that afterwards by virtue of the said Warrant the said William Pritchett did cause the said two tracts of land to be resurveyed, and did direct to remain of the said Tract of land Called "Hereford" as was taken away by navigable water to be made good out of the contiguous

vacancy to be added, and the proceedings were according and filed by the Surveyor, together with the warrant was directed, into the said Land Office on or about the seventeenth day of June in the same year, and that a patent of confirmation was granted to the said William Pritchett, in the release of the said Certificate for the Lands in the same warrant contained, which now comprehended in one new tract and thereafter Called "Pritchett's Regulation" and the vacant Lands so added is denoted on the plat aforesaid as the plaintiffs Claim and pretentions; as by the same warrant, Certificate and patent, hereunto annexed and reference being thereto had, may more fully and at large appear; and it is further Stated and admitted that afterwards, to wit, on or about the day of in the year seventeen hundred and at the County aforesaid the said Sorhiba died, seized as aforesaid leaving Edward Pritchett, the respondent in this Cause, her eldest son and heir at Law an Infant under the age of twenty one years; that afterwards to wit, on or about the day of in the year seventeen hundred and the said William Pritchett intermarried with a certain Sarah one of the plaintiffs in this Cause, by whom he had Issue several Children, but especially a certain Salay Pritchett; that afterwards to wit, on or about the fourteenth day of September in the year seventeen hundred and sixty seven, the said William Pritchett made his last will and Testament, whereby he devised the aforesaid vacancy Called "Pritchett's Regulation," together with other Lands, to his said wife Sarah, one of the aforesaid plaintiffs until his said son Salay should arrive at the age of twenty one years; as by the same will, here to annexed may more fully appear; that afterwards, to wit, on or about the twenty fifth day of September in the same year the aforesaid William Pritchett died Seized of the aforesaid parcel of Land Called "Pritchett's Regulation," leaving his aforesaid wife Sarah and his aforesaid son Salay; that after the death of the aforesaid William Pritchett, the said Sarah, one of the aforesaid plaintiffs in Virtue of the Devise aforesaid entered into the parcel of Land aforesaid Called "Pritchett's Regulation" and was thereof possessed; and that being so thereof possessed the said Sarah afterwards to wit, on or about the day of in the year seventeen hundred and intermarried with the aforesaid Augustus Whiteley the other plaintiff in this Cause; that the aforesaid Edward Pritchett arrived at age of twenty one years on or about the day of in the year seventeen hundred and Seventy and then and afterwards afterwards entered into all that part of the aforesaid tract of land Called "Hereford" into the aforesaid tract of land Called "Stone" otherwise Called Stow," and into all that part of the aforesaid Resurvey Called Pritchett's "Regulation", which are severally located in the plat aforesaid and mentioned in the Certificate thereof as his Claims and pretentions and Cultivated the ground and Cut the severall trees which are denoted in the same plat & Certificate to be within his said Claims and pretentions; for which entry into possession of and Cutting of the said trees upon that part of the said "Pritchett's regulation" so located as aforesaid, during the minority of the aforesaid Salay Pritchett the present action hath been instituted by the plaintiffs and the institution thereof the said Salay was yet an infant under the age; and upon this Statement so made, agreed