Thomas Smith junior, Richard Lecherman, John Chambers, John Pedestin junior, John Allen Sangston, Joseph Douglass, James Seth, Jacob Freeman Abbott and Daniel Job appear, who being elected, tried and sworn, to say the truth of and upon the premises afs^d, upon their Oath do say, that the same William Williams the Intestate, did not assume upon himself in manner and form as the said Joseph above hath declared against them, the said Reuben and Ruth; Therefore it is considered by the same Court, that the said Mary Ann Carr take nothing by her writ afs^d and that the said Reuben and Ruth his wife go thereof without day &c

James Earle Clk:

Thomas Hicks
against
Leah Kirkman Administratrix de bonis non with the will annexed of William Ennalls Hicks

Command was given to the Sheriff of Dorchester County, on the eighteenth day of October, seventeen hundred and eighty seven, that he should take Levin Kirkman, Executor of the last Will and Testament of William Ennalls Hicks late of Dorchester County deceased, Gentleman, if he should be found in his bailiwick and him should safe keep, so that he might his body before the Judges of the General Court, to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State, at Talbot County Court house, the second Tuesday of April then next, to answer unto Thomas Hicks of a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c And that he should have then and there that Writ. At which day, to wit the second Tuesday in April, seventeen hundred and eighty seven, here came the afs^d Thomas Hicks by Nicholas Waters his Attorney, and Thomas Lecherman, the Sheriff to whom the afs^d Writ was directed, also came, and to the Court here made return, that he had taken the body of the said Levin Kirkman, and the same had ready according to the exigence of the said Writ: And the said Levin Kirkman by Gustavus Scott his Attorney also came here into Court, and defended the wrong and injury when and so forth; and thereupon day was given as well to the said Thomas Hicks as to the said Levin Kirman by the Court here until the second Tuesday in September then next following — At which day to wit, the second Tuesday in September here came the parties afs^d by their Attorney

afs^d: and the said Levin Kirkman by his Attorney afs^d defended the force and injury when and so forth; and thereupon further day was given as well to the said Thomas Hicks as to the said Levin Kirkman by the Court here until the second Tuesday in April then next following — At which day to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and eighty nine, here came the parties afs^d by their Attorneys afs^d: And the said Thomas Hicks by his Attorney afs^d affixed his Declaration in the plea afs^d against the said Levin Kirkman in manner and form following, to wit; Dorchester County Eastern Shore to wit, Levin Kirkman late of Dorchester County Gentleman Executor of the last Will and Testament of William Ennalls Hicks late of Dorchester County deceased was attached to answer unto Thomas Hicks of a plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth — And whereupon the same Thomas by Nicholas Waters his Attorney complains that whereas the afs^d William, in his life time, to wit, on the sixth day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven, at the County afs^d was indebted unto the afs^d Thomas in the sum of two hundred and thirty pounds seventeen shillings and six pence half penny current money of Maryland, as well for money there before that time lent and advanced by the said Thomas to the said William in his life time, at his special instance and request, as also for certain sums of money there before that time by the said William in his life time had and received, to and for the use of the said Thomas as also for certain Articles and things which lie and are properly chargeable in Account, as by an Account thereof brought here into Court may appear; and so thereof being indebted, the said William in his life time in consideration thereof afterwards, to wit, the day and year afs^d, at the County afs^d assumed upon himself and faithfully promised the said Thomas, that he the said William would pay the said Thomas the sum of money afs^d when he the said William should be thereto afterwards required: And whereas also the said William in his life time, to wit, on the day and year first afs^d, at the County afs^d, was indebted unto the afs^d Thomas in one other sum of three pounds, like money, for the like sum of current money, there before that time lent and advanced by the said Thomas to the said William in his life time, at his special instance and request; And so thereof being indebted the