April Term 1797

State of Maryland to wit

At a General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland held at Easton in Talbot County the second Tuesday of April being the twelfth day of the same Month Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety six before the Judges of the same Court duly commissioned and qualified to hold the same of Whom were Present the Hon.ble Robert Goldsborough Esquire Chief Judge Jeremiah Thomas Esquire Associate Judge Samuel P. Cox Sheriff of Talbot County James Pulsifer Clerk among others were the following Proceedings to wit

John Richardson's Lessee
against
Allen Dennis

Memorandum. The Defendant in this Cause by Benjamin Tarbiel his attorney filed out the State of Maryland Writ of Habeas Corpus, the Tenor whereof follows in the Words to wit The State of Maryland ss. To the Sheriff and Sheriff of Worcester County Greeting Whereas Allen Dennis late of Worcester County is detained in the prison of our said County under the custody of you our said Sheriff at the suit of a plaintiff Peter Grievous Lessee of John Richardson of a plea of Trespass & Ejectment which said plea as it is said depends before you our said Justices undetermined and we being willing for divers Causes that the plea aforesaid be timely determined and speedily heard and determined before the Judges of our General Court therefore We command you that you have the Body of the said Allen Dennis by whatsoever name or names he may be called in the plea aforesaid together with the Cause of his Caption & detention and all things thereunto relating before the Judges of our General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore of this State in Talbot County at the Court House in the said County the second Tuesday of September next that our said Judges of our said General Court may further process thereon to Justice to pertain Witness Nicholas Greenfield Esq.r at Easton the 9th day of April Anno Domini 1793 and the 18th day of April Anno Domini 1793

James Pulsifer Clk

At which day to wit the second Tuesday of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three the Sheriff of Worcester County in pursuance with the within Writ made return thereof to the Court here with the following Record, Process and Proceedings of Worcester County and is contained as follows to wit

Worcester County ss. At a County Court of the State of Maryland held at Snow Hill Town in and for the County aforesaid the second Monday of June to wit the twelfth day of the same Month in the year of our Lord One thousand seven

hundred and ninety three Were present the Honorable John Done Esquire Chief Justice William Moore John Selby Purnell Esquires Associate Justices George Purnell Esquire Sheriff James A. Mariner Clerk

Peter Grievous Lessee of John Richardson
against
Allen Dennis

Worcester County ss. Be it remembered that Worcester County Plaintiff was attached to answer unto Peter Grievous of a plea Wherefore with force & Arms the said Henry Holland entered into one Grist Mill with its Appurtenances and all that tract of land covered with Water called Richardson's Discovery containing forty Acres lying and being within County aforesaid which John Richardson demised to the said Peter for a Term whereof is not expired and Ejected him from his said Grist Mill and forty Acres of Land covered with Water and other Wrongs to him did to the Great Damage of the said Peter and against the Peace, Government and Dignity of the State of Maryland &c. And Whereupon the said Peter by Isaac Purnell his Attorney complains, that whereas the said John Richardson on the first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety two at the County aforesaid demised to the said Peter the said Grist Mill and forty Acres of Land covered with the Water with their Appurtenances to the said Peter have and to hold the said Grist Mill and forty Acres of Land covered with Water with their Appurtenances to the said Peter and his Assigns from the first day of February then last past to the full Term of seven Years then next following fully to be compleat and ended By virtue of which said demise the said Peter entered into the said Grist Mill and land covered with Water with their Appurtenances and was possessed thereof and the said Henry afterwards to wit on the first day of April in the year aforesaid with force and Arms, that is to say With Guns, Swords, and Clubs entered into the said Grist Mill and the said forty Acres of Land covered with water with their Appurtenances which the said John Richardson had demised to the said Peter in form aforesaid for the Term aforesaid which is not yet expired & Ejected the said Peter out of his said Grist Mill & forty Acres of Land covered with Water with their Appurtenances and other Wrongs to the said Peter then and there did to the Great Damage of the said Peter against the peace, Government & Dignity of the State of Maryland &c. And Whereupon the said Peter saith that he is injured and hath Damage to the value of two thousand pounds, Lawful Money of Maryland & therefore he brings suit &c. John Doe Richard Roe Pledges to prosecute

And on the fourth Monday of November Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ninety two came the aforesaid John Richardson's Lessee by Isaac Purnell Gentleman and his Attorney and the Sheriff to wit George Purnell Gentleman now in Court returned that he had delivered to Allen Dennis the Tenant in Possession of the premises mentioned in the Declaration aforesaid