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James E. Bantum

In The Circuit Court

Vs.

of

Leonia Bantum

Baltimore City.

To The Honorable, The Judge of Said Court:

Your Orator, complaining, respectfully says:

FIRST, That the parties hereto were married on or about the 9th. day of April-I9I7 and lived together as man and wife until on or about NovemberII, I9 19. They were married by Rev. Father George A. Griffith. Said marriage occured in Baltimore City, State of Maryland.

SECOND, That Both Parties are residents of this city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and has been for more than two years prior to the filing of this bill of complaint. That the respondent is a resident of this city.

THIRD, That though the conduct of Your Orator towards his wife has always been kind, affectionate, and above reproach, she without any just cause or reason, caused your orator to leave the said defendant because of the defendant's extremely cruel and barbarous treatment; That the said Leonia Bantum has upon several times cut your orator with knives; That she has bit him with her teeth; that she has used language of profane nature publicly when addressing your orator upon several occasions; that as a result of these several assaults your orator has been compelled to receive medical treatment upon more than one occasion; that her acts were deliberate and committed without his procurement/ connivance and consent and that he has never lived with his wife or condoned the offense since the day of separation, and that there is no reasonable hope or expectation of a reconciliation.

FOURTH, That there are no children born as a result of said marriage Therefore YOUR ORATOR PRAYS:

a-a A divorce a mensa et thoro from the respondent.

b-b Such other and further releif as the case may require.

May it please Your Honor to grant unto Your Orator a Writ of Subpoena, directed unto the said defendant, commanding her to be or to appear in this court on some day certain therein named and perform such decree as may be passed in the premises

Complainant Solicitor for

Solicitor for Complainant

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I hereby certify that on this production of how 1919, before me the subcriber, a Notary Public in and for the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, personally appeared James E. Bantum, the complainant in the foregoing bill and made oath in due form of law that the matter contained therein was true to the best of his knowledge and beleif:

Carthur h. Rogers?
Notary Public.

Ct. Ct. Docket No. SUBPOENA TO ANSWER BILL OF COMPLAINT SOLICITOR

#### **EQUITY SUBPOENA**

# The State of Maryland

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#### of Baltimore City, Greeting:

WE COMMAND AND ENJOIN YOU, that all excuses set aside, you be in your person before the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, at the Court House in said City, on the second Monday of December 1917, to answer the complaint of

against you in said Court exhibited.

HEREOF fail not, as you will answer the contrary at your peril:

WITNESS, the honorable MORRIS A. SOPER, Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of

Baltimore City, the  $/\delta$ 

day of November 1919

Issued the

day of Navensber in the year 1919

Notice to the person summoned: Thousand : White

Clerk.

"Personal attendance in Court on the day named in the above writ is not required; but unless within such number of days thereafter as the law limits, legal defence is made in the above mentioned suit a Judgment by default may be entered against you."

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OF BALTIMORE CITY.

James E. Bantum
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VS.

Leonia Bantum.

Petition for Alimony and Counsel fee.

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James E. Bantum '

VS.

Leonia Bantum

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY.

#### TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Petition of Leonia Bantum, defendant for Alimony
Pendente Lite, and Counsel fee.

FIRST: That on or about the 14th day of November 1919, a bill for a divorce, A. Mensa Et Thoro was filed against the said defendant, charging her with cruelty and vicious conduct and that the allegations contained in the said Bill of Complaint are untrue and without foundation.

SECOND: Your Respondent further in answer says that she is a poor woman unable to provide for her own maintenance and support and that she has no money with which to meet the burden of costs, which has been brought upon her by reason of the filing of the plaintiff's Bill of Complaint, that she is a frail, delicate, and sickly because of her husband's cruel t treatment towards her, and that the said plaintiff is a man of means, employed at the Coca Cola Building as a skilled laborer and that he his steadily employed at a wage of Fifteen Dollars (\$15), per week or more; that your Respondent is advised by Counsel that she is entitled to have an order passed by this Honorable Court to award her a certain sum as alimony during the progress of this suit, and a further sum to compensate her solicitor for his services in the same and that she might be prepared to meet the issue and prove the utter untruthfulness of the charge with which she has been so falsely and unjustly charged.

#### WHEREFORE YOUR RESPONDENT PRAYS:

- -a- That an order be passed allowing her
  Alimony, Pendente Lite, and Counsel fee
  in such sums as this Honorable Court may
  think just and proper.
- -b- Such other and further relief as the case may require.

As in duty bound she will ever pray,

Levnia Bantum

Defendant.

Solleiter for Defendant.

State of Maryland \*
Baltimore City \*\*to wit\*

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I hereby certify that on this // day of Nov. /9/9 before me the subscriber, a Notary Public, of the State of Maryland, in and for Baltimore City, personally appeared Leonia Bantum, the petitioner, in the foregoing proceedings, and made oath in due form of law, that the matter therein contained, is true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

As witness my hand and Notarial Seal.

Housen Notary Public.

Circuit Court Order Counsel Fee and Alimony Pendente Lite

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## Circuit Court

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### Order Counsel Fee and Alimony

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