

wise in whose possession he then was who refused to deliver him.... We do also find that the negro decedent to Arthur Johnson came to the possession of William Richardson as agent of the last will and Testament of Robert Johnson the decedent that the said decedent by his last will and Testament did devise a negro woman and her child to Arthur Johnson who is since deceased intestate. that negro in dispute was born whilst the said William Richardson poss-

essed of the said Negro woman and that the said William Richardson by his last will and Testament duly proved and Insinuated dated the tenth day of may Seventeen hundred and Twenty seven devised the said negro to his son Samuel in whose right the deft is now of the said Negro possessed which negro is now about sixteen years of age and was appraised in the Inventory of the said Wille. Richardson's Estate to the sume of twelve pounds ten Shillings and six pence

of forty pounds fine money of the Court in the premises if the wife doth detain the Negro she as the said David Johnson above of the said detainer beyond the County of Maryland beyond his last charges to the pound of tobacco

we say that the negro in dispute is of the value on the whole matter we pray advisement of the Court we then say upon our oath that the deft in the violation mentioned in such manner and form with him hath fulfilled and doe aresp damages by reason the said Negro is as of found to one Shilling fine money by him about this date expended and for his said last charges before the deft we say on our oath that Thomas and because the Court here (of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary) of their Judgment of and upon the premises aff to render as yett with advice day thereupon is given to the said David and Thomas before the Justices of his said Lordship's family Court of the next to be hold at dividing Court in the same County untill the third Tuesday of November then next of their Judgment thereupon to lose for that the Court here therof as yett the all which said next Court to wit the nineteenth day of November and so on the said Seven hundred and thirty six years againe as well the said David as the said Thomas by their attorney, aff and whereupon all and Singular the premises by the Court were being seen and fully understood &c

There is foundered that the said David Johnson Administrator of Arthur Johnson's last will and Testament did but being merely for his sake for son and then the said Thomas began on the first day

John Fellowes
Somerset s^r Thomas Brown late of Somerset County Gentleman, was attached to answer unto John Fellowes of a plea of trespass upon the fact
And

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Thomas Brown