

John Burnham of Scarborough, in the County of Cumberland Plaintiff. v. Abner Coffin Surt of said Scarborough Gentleman Defendant. — In a Plea of the Case, for that the said Surt the twenty-third day of May had a Negro named Reuben, who by a certain Bill of Sale in writing duly executed, dated the ninth day of August A.D. 1768 from Job Buonomi of said Scarborough to the said John whereby the said Reuben was lawfully held to serve the Plaintiff as servant for life from that date of all which the said Abner was well knowing, yet contriving to deprive the said John of the Service of his said Negro, did the same day seduce the said Reuben from his said Master and his Service, and has kept and detained the said Reuben, and still doth keep and detain him the said Reuben at Scarborough aforesaid from his said Masters Service, against the Will and consent of him the said John, and hath refused, and doth still refuse to deliver the said Reuben to him the said John, though he hath been requested so to do, by which the said John hath lost the Service of him the said Reuben, and other losses thereby sustained and suffered. To the damage of the said John, as he saith, the Sum of Four Pounds and Four Shillings. — This Action was commenced at an Inferior Court of Common Pleas begun and held at Salsburgh within and for the County of Cumberland, on the last Sunday of October, A.D. 1780 and continued from Term to Term unto this Term. And now the Parties appear. And the said ^{alleged} Coffin Surt comes and defends, &c. and saith he is not guilty in manner and form as the Plaintiff complains, and thence puts himself on the County. — And the said John refusing liberty to waive this Demurrer, and join the Issue tendered, on the Trial at the Supreme Judicial Court, says the said Surt's Plea aforesaid is bad, and that he is not bound by Law to answer the same. Wherefore he prays Judgment for his Damages and Costs. And the said Surt agreeing thereto, says his said Plea is good and therefore prays Judgment for his Costs. — All which being considered by the Court, the Court are of opinion, that the Defendants Plea is good. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said Abner Coffin Surt recovers of the said John Burnham, Costs of Court, taxed at Two Pounds nineteen Shillings, and six pence. — The said Plaintiff appeals from this Judgment, to the next Supreme Judicial Court to be holden for this County, and enters into Recognizance, as the Law directs, for prosecuting his Appeal to Effect.

The Proprietors of the common and undivided Lands in Falmouth in the County of Cumberland Plaintiff. v. Thomas Bracket of said Falmouth, Yeoman Defendant. in a Plea of Ejectment, wherein they demand of the said Thomas Bracket Possession of a Tract of Land in said Falmouth containing Ninety Acres bounded, beginning at the Northwesterly Corner of Thirty Three Acres laid out to Thomas Haskill, thence North & by West forty five Rods, thence East and by North thirty six Rods to the side line of fifty Acres laid out to Isaac Sawyer thence North & by West one hundred and twenty one Rods to the westerly corner of the same thence South forty one Degrees West one hundred and seventy six Rods to the Northwesterly Corner of one hundred and four Acres laid out to Joseph Bide, thence South East and by South ninety Rods to said Haskill's thirty three Acres, thence North sixty seven degrees East forty six Rods to the first bounds. — whereupon they complain and say, that in a Time of Peace within thirty Years last past, they were seized of the demanded Premises, in their own Demesne as of Fee, taking the

by October AD. 1781 - 349 8 John Burnham of Scarborough , in the County of Cumberland Mariner - Plaintiff 2 Gentleman Defend Abner Coffin Lunt of said Scarborough --- In a plea of the case , for that the said Lunt the twentythird day of May had a Negro named Reuben , who by a certain Bill of Sale in writing duly executed dated the ninth day of August AD 1768 from Job Burnam of said Scarborough to the said John whereby the said Reuben was lawfully held to serve the Plaintiff as Servant for Life from that date of all which the said Abner was well knowing yet contriving to deprive the said John of the Service of his said Negro , did the same day seduce the said Reuben from his said master and his service , and has kept and detained the said Rev. & been , and still doth keep and detain him the said Reuben at Scarboroughforesaid from his said masters Service , against the Will and consent of him the said John , and hath refused , and doth still refuse to deliver the said Rev. been to him the said John though he hath been requested so to do , by which the said John hath left the Time and Service of him the said Reuben , and other losses thereby sustained and suffered to the damage of the said John as he faith the sum of Four Thousand Pounds - This action was commenced at an Inferior Court of Common Pleas begun and held at Falmouth within and for the County of Cumberland on the last Tuesday of October AD 1780 and continued from Term to Term unto this Term . And now the parties appear and the said Coffin Lunt comes and defends & c. and faith he is not guilty % in manner and form as the Plaintiff complains and thereof puts himself on the County - And the said John reserving liberty to ware this Demurver , and join the Issue tendred , on the Trial at the Supreme Judicial Court says the said Lunts Plea aforesaid is bad , and that he is not bound by law to answer the same Wherefore he prays Judgment for his Damages and Costs . And the said Lunt agreeing thereto says his said Plea is good and therefore prays , Judgment for his last by the Court the Court are of opinion that the Defendants Plea is good It is therefore considered by the Court that the said Abner Dolfen Lunt recover of the said John Burnam , Costs of Court , taxed at head Two Pounds nineteen shillings and six pence - The Deer Plaintiff appeals from this judgment , to the next Supreme Judicial Court to be holden for this County and enter into Recognizance , as the Law directs , for prosecuting his appeal to effect The Proprietors of the common and undivided Lands in Falmouth in the County of Cumberland Plaintiffs . V. Thomas Bracket of said Falmouth , Yeoman , Defendant in a plea of Eject ment , wherein they demand of the said Thomas Bracket Possession of a Tract of Land in said Falmouth containing ninety acres bounded be ginning at the Northerly Corner of thirty three Acres laid out to Thomas Haskell thence North & by West forty five Rods , thence East and by North thirty six Rods to the side line of fifty acres said out to Isaac Sawyer thence North & by West one hundred and twenty one Rods to the westerly corner of the same thence South forty one Degrees West one hundred and Seventy Six Rods to the Northerly Corner of one hundred and four acres laid out to Joseph Pride , thence South East and by South ninety Rods to said Hastell thirty three acres , thence North Sixty seven degrees East Seventy Six Rods to the first bounds whereupon they complain and say , that in a time of peace within thirty years last past , they were seized of the demanded Premises in their own Demesne as of fee taking the

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