R. B. T. James L. Higgins
A. T. and Sophia his wife
against
Jno William Hammond

Judgment confessed

Be it remembered that heretofore
towit, the thirteenth day of July
in the year one thousand eight
hundred and two James L. Higgins
and Sophia his wife by Roger B. Taney their attorney sued out
of Frederick County Court the writ of the State of Maryland of
Summons in Dower the tenor whereof is in the following
words towit: Frederick County, to wit The State of Maryland To
the Sheriff of Frederick County Greeting. If James L. Higgins
and Sophia his wife (which said Sophia was the wife of
Upton Sheredine deceased) shall make you secure of
prosecuting their claim then summon William Hammond
late of Frederick County yeoman to be and appear before
the Justices of the next County Court to be held at the
Court House in Frederick Town in and for the said County
on the first monday of August next to shew wherefore
he the said William Hammond refuses to render to the
said James L. Higgins and Sophia his wife who was the
wife of the said Upton Sheredine deceased her reasonable
dower of and in all that tract or parcel of Land
called The Resurvey on many tracts and also of and in
all that part of a tract of Land called Ushers
Freehold with the appurtenances thereunto belonging
lying and being in Frederick County aforesaid which the
said James and Sophia his wife claim as the Dower of
the said Sophia in the Lands and Tenements of the said
Upton her late husband of which she hath nothing
and which the said William unjustly detains from
them and soforth. Hereof fail not at your peril
and have you then and there this writ. Witness
William Cladgett Esquire Chief Justice of the said
Court the first day of February 1802.
Issues the 13th day of July 1802. Wm Ritchie Clk
And the said James L. Higgins and Sophia his wife declare
against the said William Hammond in the plea aforesaid

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as follows towit: Frederick County towit. William Hammond late of
Frederick County yeoman was summoned to answer unto James L. Higgins
and Sophia his wife which said Sophia was the wife of Upton
Sheredine deceased in a plea that he render unto them the reasonable
dower of the said Sophia who was the wife of the said Upton of and
in all those tracts or parcels of Land that is to say one tract of Land
called The Resurvey on many tracts also one other tract being part
of a tract of Land called Ushers Freehold lying and being in Frederick
County aforesaid which the said James and Sophia his wife claim as
the dower of the said Sophia in the Lands and tenements of the
said Upton her late husband of which she hath nothing and
which the said William unjustly detains from them and soforth.
And whereupon the said James and Sophia his wife (who
was the wife of the said Upton deceased) by R. B. Taney
their attorney demand against the said William the third part
of all those tracts or parcels of Land that is to say one tract
of Land called The Resurvey on many tracts also one other
tract being part of a tract of Land called Ushers freehold
lying and being in Frederick County aforesaid which the
said James and Sophia his wife claim as the dower of the
said Sophia in the Lands and tenements of the said Upton her
late husband by the writ of the State of Maryland of Dower
whereof she hath nothing and which the said William
unjustly detains from the said James and Sophia his wife
to the Damage of the said James and Sophia his wife in
the sum of four hundred pounds current money and
soforth and therefore they bring suit and soforth.
R. B. Taney Atty for Plffs.
And now here at this day towit the first Monday of August in
the year one thousand eight hundred and two being the day of the
return of the aforegoing summons in Dower come into Court here the
said James L. Higgins and Sophia his wife by their attorney
aforesaid and the sheriff of Frederick County to whom the same
was directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus
endorsed towit. N. Est. Lawr. Brengle. Shff
Nevertheless the said William Hammond appears in Court here

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