

To the Sheriff of the County of Tolland his Deputy or to Either of the Constables of the Town of Hebron within said County Greeting ----

By Authority of the State of Connecticut you are hereby Comanded to Summons John Mann and Nathaniel Mann both of sd. Hebron to Appear before the --insert "adjourd" – Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Norwich within & for the County of New London on the First Tuesday of December next then and there to Answer unto Caesor (sic) Peters late of said Hebron now of Colchester in the County of New London aforesd in a plea of the case whereupon the plaintiff _____ and says that on or about the 25th Day of September AD 1787 he the plaintiff was in sd Hebron in his own Dwelling House with his wife and eight children all minors under the age of twenty one years and all at peace with all the Good Citizens of this State and about his Lawful Business Being Intituled (entitled) to Liberty and the Protection of the Laws of this State as a Citizen then of --?blacked out?-- although the plaintiff and his wife and children were of the Completion of the Inhabitants &

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Natives of Africa who have been by Sundry of the more Barbarous European nations considered as Slaves and by them are Bought and Sold as Merchandize where their lives are no more protected than the Brutal ? ____? And the Defendants being moved by the Avarice of their own wicked hearts and thereby hoping to possess themselves of the Shining Dust which might be the Avail of price of the Blood of the plaintiff and his wife and children they the defendants did in said Hebron on or about the sd. 25th day of September AD1787 conspire together with a number of others to the plaintiff unknown for the wicked purpose of Kidnaping (sic) and forcibly carrying away the plaintiff and his wife & children to some Foreign and Barbarian Country there to dispose of the plaintiff and his wife & children to those Barbarous Nations (as slaves for & if when the lives of the plaintiff and his wife & children might be taken away by