

To the Sheriff of the County of Solferino 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 commanded to summons
John Mann and Nathaniel Mann both of
D. Hebron to appear before the ^{adjourn} 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 Caesar Patis
State of said Hebron now of Colchester
in the County of New London afore said in a
plea of the Case whereupon the Plaintiff
declares and says that on or about the 25th
Day of September 1784 he the Plaintiff was in
D. Hebron in his own Dwelling House with his
wife and eight Children all minors under
the age of Twenty one year and all at peace
with all the good Citizens of this State and
about his lawful Business being Intitled to
Liberty and the Protection of the Laws of this
State as a Citizen thereof ~~at the~~
at the Plaintiff and his wife and Children
were of the Constitution of the Inhabitants &

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 Merchandise when their Lives
are no more protected than the Vital Air
and the Defendants being Moved by the
Avarice of their own wicked Hearts and thereby
Hoping to ~~possess~~ ^{possess} themselves of ^{the} Shining Dust
which might be the Avails of the Blood of the
Blood of the Plaintiff and his wife and Children
they the Defendants did in said Hebron on or about
the 25th Day of September 1778 conspire
together with a Number of others to the Plaintiff
unknown, for the ~~the~~ wicked Purpose of ^{the} Kidnaping
and secretly carrying away the Plaintiff and his
wife & Children to some foreign and Barbarous
Country there to Dispose of the Plaintiff and his
wife & Children to those Barbarous Nations
as Slaves for Life when the Lives of the Plaintiff
and his wife & Children might be taken away
by the said Samuel master with Impunity
and having so conspired together as aforesaid they the
Defendants and others unknown to the number of Eight
then & there armed themselves with Swords and loaded
 pistols and other weapons of Irons Danger & Death
and in Pursuance of ^{the} wicked Purpose did then &
there ~~on~~ ^{at} ~~make~~ ^{make} ~~on~~ ^{on} the Plaintiff

Without Law or Right Broken into the Maentiff's Dwelling
House and by force & violence with the Weapons aforesaid
Did seize ~~the~~ & kidnap the Maentiff and his
wife and children and forcibly put them all on
board and immediately loaded them into a Wagon
and drove them the Maentiff & his wife & children
with great speed towards the sea shore where
the Defendant then had a vessel waiting to
receive the Maentiff and his family
for the purpose of transporting them
to some foreign country and there to
be disposed of as slaves for life to some
of the barbarous nations aforesaid: and they
the Defendant and others as aforesaid in fact
Held, Gave by Imperson, and convey the Maentiff
and his family in the night season from
D. Hebron to the town of Newbury and within
one mile of the waters of the sea where
D. Vessel was waiting to receive the Maentiff
and his family for the wicked purpose aforesaid
D. ~~the~~ During the whole time aforesaid
D. the Defendant induced the Maentiff & family
with unjust Death in case of any resistance
or Alarm given by them in which situation the Defendant
and his family were held & continued until they to their
unspeakable joy at Boston aforesaid. They were overtaken by
a number of the good citizens of this state who being religiously
moved by a spirit of benevolence & philanthropy & strongly

