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136 If William Chew Brown against Nathan Dorsey } Ann Arundel County to wit, Nathan Dorsey late of Ann Arundel County Planter was attached to Answer unto William Chew Brown in a plea of Trespass upon the Case

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and so forth and whereupon the same William Chew Brown by John Hall his attorney Complains that whereas he the aforesaid William Chew Brown is a good true faithful and honest Liege and Subject of the Lord the King that now is and as such a good true faithful and honest Liege Subject of the said Lord the King that now is and of his Progenitors Kings of Great Britain hath Behaved and Carried himself and Continued from the time of his Birth hitherto and of Good Name Fame, Condition, Conversation and Behaviour as well among his Neighbours as other the Subjects of our said Lord the now King hath been hitherto held, known Deemed and Reputed and from all kind of Felony Robery, Fraud, Theft or any other the like hurtful Crime and from all Stain a Suspicion of the same or either of them for the whole time aforesaid hath hitherto Lived free and Clear and although the unsuspected by means whereof the said William Chew Brown not only the Love Good Will and Esteem of his Neighbours Subjects of the said Lord the now King had Deservedly Obtained and Procured but also himself his Credit and Reputation and all his Lands and Chattles safe and untouched had kept and preserved no ways liable and Subject to the rigor of the Laws against Felons and such other kind of Malefactors made and provided, Yet the aforesaid Nathan Dorsey of the Premises aforesaid not being Ignorant but Contriving and Maliciously intending him the said William Chew Brown in his Good Name, Fame, Credit and Reputation Manifestly to Scandalize injure and defame and into the Danger of undergoing the pains and Penalties by the Laws and Statutes of Great Britain and by the Acts of Assembly of this Province against Felons and such other Malefactors made and provided to bring and induce did on the day of at in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and in the County aforesaid and Concerning him the said William Chew Brown in the presence and hearing of Divers of the Liege Subjects of our said Lord the King that now is falsely and Maliciously Speak and Report utter and with a loud Voice publish and pronounce the false feigned, Scandalous and Approbrious English words following to wit, that he the same William Chew Brown meaning Stole Tobacco, and whereas the aforesaid Nathan Dorsey afterwards to wit on the same day of in the year aforesaid at the County aforesaid out of his further Malice towards him the said William Chew Brown these other false feigned Scandalous and Approbrious English words following of and Concerning him the said William Chew Brown in the presence and hearing of many other Liege Subjects of our said Lord the King that now is falsely and Maliciously did Speak Report utter and with a loud Voice publish and pronounce to wit, my Servant Man (the Servant Man of him the said Nathan meaning) Stole Tobacco and he (the said William Chew Brown

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Meaning) received it from him knowing it to be stole, And whereas the aforesaid Nathan Dorsey afterwards to wit on the day of in the year aforesaid at the County aforesaid out of his further Malice towards him the said William Chew Brown and Concerning him the said William Chew Brown in the presence and hearing of divers Liege Subjects of our said Lord the now King falsely and Maliciously did Speak utter and with a loud Voice publish and pronounce these other false feigned Scandalous and Approbrious English words following to wit, you him the said William Chew Brown meaning deal with my Servants (the Servants of him the said Nathan meaning) for Stolen Tobacco — By means of the speaking and publishing of which false feigned Scandalous and Approbrious English words the said William Chew Brown not only in his Good name Fame, Credit and reputation hath been greatly Injured but also into the hatred Scandal and Infamy among all his Neighbours and other the Liege Subjects of the said Lord the King that now is hath been brought and the Transacting of his honest and Lawful Business much Impeded and Obstructed to the Damage of him the said William Chew Brown Ninety Pounds Current money and therefore he brings Suit &c.

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And the aforesaid Nathan Dorsey by Charles Goldsborough his Attorney Comes and Defends the force and Injury when and so forth and prays leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the twelfth day of April Anno Domini 1763 Come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the fifteenth day of April Anno Domini 1763 Come again the said Parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Defendant by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the Eleventh day of September Anno Domini 1763 Comes again as well the said William Chew Brown by his Attorney aforesaid as the said Nathan Dorsey by his Attorney aforesaid And the said Nathan by his Attorney aforesaid Ad hoc &c. to Defend the force and Injury when &c. and saith that he is not Guilty of the Premises aforesaid in the Declaration aforementioned above upon him Imposed in manner and form as the said William Chew Brown above against him hath Complained and of this the said Nathan puts himself upon the Country

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