John Rawlings & his wife Samuel Standifer was attached to answer unto John Rawlings and Dorothy his wife of a plea of trespass upon the Case

Whereupon the said John and Dorothy by William Calder their Attorney complaine that whereas the said Dorothy is a good true and faithfull liege subject of our Lady the Queen that now is &c: and of such as loyalty of our Lady the Queen as of Other Kings and Queens of England hath from time to time been Mainteyned and born her Self free from all Manner of Slanders or malicious Burning of Houses and hath allways so continued free from the Suspicion of any such crime but of good name fame state & reputation with all Sorts of Persons to whom she has been known

Nevertheless the said Samuel not being ignorant thereof but Most wickedly and Maliciously contriving the fame state & reputation of the said Dorothy not only Altogether to destroy but also to bring her into grievous paines and Forfeitures and to imprisonment the Lady the twenty third day of Febry Seventeen hundred and three & four at Hallamore County before the worship full Mr Samuel Sackleman one of the Majestys Justices assigned to keep the peace in the County afore said falsely and maliciously and Wickedly the said Dorothy upon the twenty third day of Febry afore said burnt a certain tobacco house upon that Dwelling plantation of him the said Samuel wherein was the corn and tobacco of the said Samuel to the value of five thousand pounds of tobacco and more and more did offer himself to prosecute the said Dorothy at the provincial Court of this province whenso-ever held where and when &c: by means of which said unjust false and malicious suggestion and Spleen by the said Samuel so — levyed as afore and by him prosecuted the said Dorothy was attached and prosecuted to the grand Jury of this province at the provincial Court held ye 16th day of May Seventeen hundred and four to which Jury the said Samuel Standifer being known and conscious of his false and malicious suggestions did willfully by himself or any other gives any sufficient Evidence manifesting to what he had formerly said & deposed before the said Master Sackleman whereby (to

to affect the said Dorothy so that the said Grand Jury found the Bill to them from the Court ordered Ignoramus and thereupon the said Dorothy was discharged and the said Dorothy in fact saith that by the false meanes and accusation of the said Samuel they were constrained to — distribute severall considerable sums of tobacco for Counsell, attdts, Sheriffs and Clerks fees besides other severall charges and expenses in attending the provincial Court for their necessary defence and clearing the reputation of the said Dorothy and to distribute her from the — Imputation and crime aforesaid so that by the said Samuel's false complaint they have lost and sustained to the value of ten thousand pounds of tobacco and more & they bring this suit &c: Damages &c: Ad Damnum

And the said Samuel by Thomas Macnamara his attorney answers & defends the force and injury when &c: and prayes Oyer to imparle thereunto made and the Court hath it the same day is given the Plaintiffs also

At which said court held this the only fourth day of April Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and five comes as well the said plaintiffs by their attorney afore said as the said Defendant by his said attorney who also defends the force and injury when &c: and forsooth saith that he is nowise guilty of the premises in manner and form as the Plaintiffs in their said against him hath complained and thereof for trial puts himself upon the Country and the Plaintiffs also

Whereupon Command is given the Shff of Anne Arundell County that he immediately cause to come here twelve &c: by whom the truth &c: to recognize &c: because as well &c: of which said precept the said Shff makes return that he has here ready twelve &c: as by his precept he was commanded

And now here this day to wit the same day and year comes the said parties by their attorneys afore said and the Jurors of that Jury impannelled being called thereof come to wit James Leach, Darby Fairclough, John Taylor, Robert Sollers, James Barley, Thomas Leach senr, Thomas Smith, Michael Brown, John Wood senr, Robert Bagg, Matthias Vandebber, and Thomas Brown, who being duly elected tryed and sworn to say the truth in the premises upon their oaths do say that the said John Standifer is not guilty of the premises in manner and form as the Plaintiffs against him hath complained as the said Samuel hath above alleged

It is therefore considered by the Justices here the day & year aforesaid that the said John Rawlings and Dorothy his wife recover their damages by the said jurors in money for their false (damages

(and costs