of Ann Arundell County York was Attached to answer unto Wm Hammond of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c

And whereupon the said William Hammond by Edmund Jennings his Attorney Complains that whereas the said William now is a good true faithfull & honest Liege of the Lord the King that now is & as a good true faithfull & honest Liege of the Lord the King that now is & of his late Majesty King George the first & of her late Majesty Queen Ann & of his late Majesty King William the third Predecessors of his said Majesty that now is from the time of his Nativity hitherto hath behaved himself & hath been & remained during the time aforesd of good Name fame Conversation & behaviour as well amongst his Neighbours as other Venerable & faithfull Subjects of the said Lord the King that now is & his Predecessors aforesd to whom the said William was known without any blemish of theft Larceny Felony or Robery or any other pernicious Crime & untouched & unsuspected by any Suspition of theft or Robery or of being accessary thereto — Nevertheless the aforesd Thomas not being ignorant of the Premisses yet Contriving & maliciously intending the said William not only in his good Name fame Credit & Estate which he always before had maliciously to hurt disturb from & prejudice but also the said William in the Danger of his life the loss & forfeiture of all his Goods and Chattells to bring & draw on the Second Day of June in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & twenty seven in Ann Arundell County falsly & maliciously without any Cause or Colour of any Felony Larceny or Robery or of being accessary thereto by him the said William Committed did procure & cause the said William to be accused upon Oath before Philip Lee Esqr one of his Lordships Justices of his Provincial Court of being an accessary to a Certain Felony & Robery supposed to be done perpetrated & Committed in the Colony of Virginia by a Certain Philip Hammond And the said Thomas afterwards Viz the fourth Day of June in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & twenty seven in Ann Arundell County aforesd with a further Intent & Malice to endanger Injure beg & oppress the said William in his life liberty good Name & fortune procured & caused the said William to be accused upon Oath before Robert Carter Esqr the late President of his said Majesty that now is his Council & Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia of being Accessary to the same Felony & Robbery so supposed to be done in the said Colony of Virginia whereas in truth his the same William was not an Accessary to any Felony or Robery by him the said Philip Hammond in that part perpetrated / And the said Thomas also falsly & maliciously without any Cause or Colour of him the said William being accessary to any Felony or Robery by him the said Philip Hammond Committed afterwards Viz the fourth Day of August in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & twenty seven in Ann Arundell County aforesd procured the said William to be Arrested for being Accessary to the Felony so supposed to be perpetrated by the said Philip Hammond in the Colony of Virginia as aforesd And the same Thomas Corbey at a Generall Court held at the Capitol in the City of Williamsburgh in the said Colony of Virginia the Nineteenth Day of October in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second & in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and twenty seven in Order to defame him the said William & him the said William to draw & bring into the Danger of loosing his life & forfeiture of all his Lands Tenements Goods & Chattells by Causing him the said Wm to be arraigned as being Accessary to a Thief & Robber the Crime of being Accessary to the Felony & Robbery aforesd supposed to be done by him the said Philip Hammond as aforesd upon him the said William falsly & maliciously Caused to be imposed & a Certain Bill of Indictment against him the said William at the Day & Place last mentioned Caused to be wrote Containing in it this false and Scandalous matter following Viz / That the said Philip Hammond by the Name of Philip Hammond late of the Parish of St Margarett in the County of King William yeom the twenty Eighth Day of April in this thirteenth Year

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of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God late of Great Britain France & Ireland & the Dominions thereunto belonging King with force & Arms that is to say with Swords Pistols & Sticks in the Dwelling house of one George Yates at the Parish of St Margarett in the aforesd County of King William in & upon one Richard Thacker in the Peace of God & of our said late Lord the King then & there being then & there violently & feloniously an Assault did make & eleven Peices of Coined Gold Money that is to say two Quadruple Spanish Pistoles two Spanish Pistoles one half Pistole of Spanish Coin three Moydores of the Portugal Coin two French Guineas one British half Guinea of the Value of Nineteen Pounds & Eight Shillings of lawfull Money of the Currency of Virginia of the Monies & Goods of the said Richard Thacker then & there being found then & there from the Person of the said Richard Thacker violently & feloniously did take & carry away to the great Terror of the said Richard Thacker & against the Peace of our said late Lord the King his Crown & Dignity and that William Hammond late of the said Parish of St Margarets in the aforesd County of King William yeom & John Howard late of the said Parish of St Margarett in the said County of King William Planter the said twenty Eighth Day of April in the Year aforesd at the said Parish of St Margarett in the said County of King William were felonious & present Aiding abetting Comforting & maintaining the said Philip Hammond the felony aforesd in forme aforesd in feloniously — — Committing & perpetrating against the Peace of our said late Lord the King his Crown & Dignity And the same Bill of Indictment in forme aforesd Wrote Containing therein the false & scandalous matter aforesd Veriled afterwards Viz on the Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & twenty Eight at a Generall Court held at his Majesty that now is his Royal Capitol in the said City of Williamsburg was by the means procurement and Contrivance of the said Thomas Corbey exhibited which said Bill the said Generall Court at the Day & Place last mentioned to the Grand Jury Sworn for the Body of the said Colony of Virginia delivered for their Inquiry & presentment of the truth of & Concerning the matter in the same Bill Contained And the said William Hammond further Saith that the matter aforesd in the same Bill Contained was false feigned & Scandalous & by the Abettment Conspiracy Procurement & instigation of the aforesd Thomas Corbey was maliciously Contrived & devised without any Just Cause as then fully appeared to the Grand Jury aforesd & for that reason the Jury aforesd at the Day & Place last mentioned gave their Verdict & answer of & Concerning the aforesd Bill that they the said Grand Jury were ignorant of the matter aforesd in the said Bill of Indictment Specified & Contained And thereupon the said William was in Lawfull manner & due Course of Law afterwards Discharged Viz on the said Eighteenth Day of April in the said Year Seventeen hundred & twenty Eight in the said Colony of Virginia Viz in Ann Arundell County aforesd & Acquitted thereof By protest of which Premisses the said William not only in his good Name fame Opinion & Credit is very much Damnified but also great pains Labour & travell & Several Sums of Money for his Enlargement and Purgation was obliged to undergo & Expend To the Damage of the said William Hammond One thousand Pounds Sterling & therefore he brings this Suit &c

Pledges &c John Doe & Richd Roe —

And the said Thomas Corbey by Wm Marsh Howard Philip Roy & Wm Cumming his Attorneys Comes & defends the force & Injury when &c & prays leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court And he hath it And the same Day is given to the Plft Also —

At which said next Court to wit the 15th Day of October Anno Dom 1728 Comes again the said parties Plft & Deft by their Attorneys aforesd And the said Deft by his said Attorneys prays further leave to imparle hereunto untill next Court And he hath it And the same Day is given to the Plft also —

At which said next Court to wit the 20th Day of May Anno Dom 1729 Comes again as well the said Wm Hammond by his Attorney aforesd as the said Thomas Corbey by

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