At which said next Court to wit the 21st Day of May Anno Dom: 1754 comes again as well the said William Lyon and William Lux by their Attorney afs as the said Thomas Todd by his Attorney afs And the said Thomas Todd by his said Attorney is before defends the force and injury when &c and saith that the said William Lyon & William Lux their Action afs against him to have ought said because he saith that he did not A[illegible] upon himself in manner & form as the afs William Lux & William Lyon against him have Complained and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c. And the afs William Lyon and William Lux in like manner &c. Whereupon for Trying the Issue afs Summons is given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he cause to come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assize in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Monday the ninth Day of September next to the County Court House in the said County come twelve Good & Lawful Men of his Bailiwick by whom &c who neither &c To Recognize &c Because as well &c

Afterwards the Suit continued between the Parties afs in the Plea afs by the Jury being put thereon in Respite here until the third Tuesday of October next unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Propry to take the Assize in the said County Assigned on Monday the ninth Day of September next to the County Court House in the said County shall come

And now here at this Day to wit the said third Tuesday of October being the 15th Day of the Same Month Anno Dom: 1754 comes into this Lordships Provincial Court here as well the said William Lyon and William Lux by their Attorney afs as the said Thomas Todd by his Attorney afs But the said Sheriff hath not sent his Writ. Nevertheless the said Thomas Todd by his Attorney afs relinquishes the Averment above by him pretended Whereupon the said William Lyon and William Lux pray that the said Thomas Todd to their Writ and Declaration afs may appear and Answer But the said Thomas Todd altho solemnly called comes not but makes Default whereby the said William Lyon and Wm Lux remains against the said Thomas Todd wholly undefended. Therefore It is Considered by the Justices here That the said William Lyon and William Lux Recover against the said Thomas Todd as well the sum of twenty five Pounds Eight Shillings and six Pence Current Money certain Damages by the Court here according to Act of Assembly Adjudged as also the Sum of Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto them on their Oath Adjudged for their Costs and Charges by them about their Suit in this behalf laid out and expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c. Pdt. R Burgess Clk

Kennedy Stewart a Pl. vs. Thomas Beatty

Maryland Frederick County ss. Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit the 14th Day of April Anno Dom: 1752 Thomas Beatty of Frederick County Gentleman was attached to Answer unto Kennedy Stewart of a plea of Trespass upon the Case And Whereupon the said Kennedy by Daniel Dulany Junior his Attorney Complains that Whereas he the said Kennedy is a good true and faithful Subject of our Lord the now King & hath hitherto from the time of his birth behaved and carried himself as a good true and faithful subject of our said Lord the King and his Predecessors Kings and Queens of the Realms of Great Britain and the Dominions thereunto belonging and for the whole time afs was Deemed Esteemed & accounted of good Name Fame and Conversation and always leading an honest life never committed any grand Theft or Robbery or other such sort of Crime but invariably and constantly observed & faithfully and truely kept the Laws and Statutes in force in this Province and also the Acts of Assembly of this Province and hath kept and preserved himself clear free and unspotted of doing or committing & from such Offences (and by that means had obtained and acquired great Credit and the good Opinion Esteem & favour of divers subjects of our said Lord the King whereby the said Kennedy honestly gained and acquired great Profit towards his Comfortable living and the support of his family And Whereas the said Kennedy on the Day of in the Year of our Lord Christian hundred and and for several Years then last past & always hitherto

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hath been at Frederick County an Innholder legally licenced and Qualified according to the form of the Acts of Assembly in such case made and provided and the Business and Occupation of an Innholder for all that time at the said County used exercised and followed with great Diligence care civil Demeanor Fidelity and Honesty towards all Persons with whom in the exercise of his said Occupation he had any Concern or dealings and during the said time for that reason had gained and acquired to himself great Profit in his said Occupation and the Good Opinion Esteem and Confidence of those with whom he had any concern or Dealings in his said Occupation yet Nevertheless the afs Thomas not Ignorant of the Premises but contriving and maliciously intending not only the Good Same Credit Reputation and Estate of the said Kennedy to hurt detract from Impair Injure and ruin and the said Kennedy into Discredit suspicion and Mistrust of divers faithful subjects of the said Lord the King to induce and bring with whom the said Kennedy in his said Occupation had dealing and to prevent him the said Kennedy from obtaining a License to be granted to him according to the form of the Acts of Assembly in such Case made and provided for keeping an Ordinary and House of Entertainment for the Ease and Convenience of the Inhabitants of the said County and Travellers and Strangers and to take away from and deprive him the said Kennedy of the Profit and Benefit of his said Occupation but also to bring and draw him the said Kennedy into the Scandal and Damage of the Penalties provided by the Laws and Acts of Assembly of this Province against Felons and such as steal Sheep and such sort of Malefactors on the Day of in the Year of our Lord Christian hundred & at Frederick County then and there having Discourse with one Nathanael Widkham of Frederick County Gentleman then and there being one of the Justices of the said County of and concerning the said Kennedy falsely Maliciously and Openly spoke uttered published and with a loud Voice Pronounced these false feigned and scandalous English words of the said Kennedy in the Presence and hearing of the said Nathanael and of very many of the subjects of our said Lord the King being then and there present to wit He (meaning the said Kennedy) is a Thief and also the said Thomas having discourse with the said Nathanael of and concerning the said Kennedy the said Nathanael being then and there one of the Justices of the said County afterwards to wit on the same Day and Year last afs at the County afs then and there falsely Maliciously and openly spoke published and with a loud voice pronounced these false feigned & scandalous English words following of the said Kennedy in the presence and hearing of the said Nathanael & of very many of the subjects of our said Lord the King being then and there present to wit He (meaning again the said Kennedy) hath stole Sheep and also the said Thomas afterwards to wit on the same Day and Year at the said County having Discourse with the said Nathanael the said Nathanael being then and there as one of the Justices of the said County of and concerning the said Kennedy in his said Occupation and his the said Kennedys keeping an Ordinary and an House of Entertainment as afs of his further Malice then and there falsely Maliciously and Openly spoke published and with a loud Voice pronounced these false feigned and scandalous words following of the said Kennedy in the Presence and hearing of the said Nathanael & of very many of the subjects of our said Lord the King then and there being present to wit He (meaning again the said Kennedy) ought not to be suffered to keep an Ordinary for that he (meaning again the said Kennedy) stole from Pennsylvania for Sheep stealing By pretext of which false feigned and scandalous words afs of the said Kennedy he the said Kennedy is not only greatly scandalized and endamaged in his good Name Fame Credit and Estimation afs among many of the subjects of our said Lord the King by whom he was Respected & Esteemed but also is much injured in his afs Occupation and in Divers of his honest & lawfull Employments to the Damage of the said Kennedy five hundred Pounds Current Money and therefore he brings Suit and &c suit

Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe

And the said Thomas Beatty by Stephen Bordley his Attorney comes & Defends the force & injury when &c And

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