Chief Justice of our Provincial Court this Seventeenth day of October in the fourth Year of our Dominion &c. Annoque Domini 1754.

Issued 17th October 1754 (D Dulany)

Allowed p Rich.d Lloyd R Burdus Clk

We the Justices and Sheriff send the Cause of Caption and Detainer of the said Benjamin Franceway with all things thereunto Relating (as it is mentioned in the Writ aforesaid) as appears by the Record to the Same Writ annexed —

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and L S affixed the Seal of the County of Somerset this first day of April Anno Dom. 1755 —

Thomas Hayward Junr. Clk Somt Co. Court

And now here at this day to wit the said third Tuesday of May being the Twentieth Day of the Same Month Anno Dom. 1755 Comes into his Lordships Provincial Court here as well the aforesaid John White by Edward Dorsey his Attorney as the afsd Benjamin Franceway by Daniel Dulany his Attorney Whereupon the aforesaid John White by his Attorney aforesaid Declares against the aforesaid Benjamin Franceway in the Plea aforesaid as follows —

Somerset County to wit Benjamin Franceway late of Somerset County Staymaker was Attached to Answer unto John White of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case and so forth —

And whereupon the said John by his Attorney aforesaid Complains that the aforesaid Benjamin Contriving and wickedly intending him the said John unjustly to burden and him with Various Labours and Expences by pretext and Colour of Justice and process of Law to harass, Oppress and Damnifie without Reasonable Cause of his Premeditated Malice at Somerset County aforesaid at a Court of the Right Honourable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary

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of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c held at Somerset County in and for the said County on the Nineteenth of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty four before the Worshipfull Thomas Hayward and his Associates then the said Lord Proprietary his Justices of the Same County the Peace in the Same County to keep and also divers Felonies Trespasses and other Malfeazances in the Same County Perpetrated to hear and Determine Assigned being a Certain Bill of Indictment in the said Court of the said Lord Proprietary against the said John by the Name of John White late of Somerset Parish in the County aforesaid Merchant Containing in it this following false Matter to wit that he the aforesaid John on the Tenth day of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty three at the Parish and County aforesaid with force and Arms a certain Dog commonly called a Cur the said Dog Accustomed to bite People in Princes Ann Town at the Parish and County aforesaid he the said John White knowing the said Dog to be Accustomed thereto he did keep which said Dog of the said John Whites afterwards to wit the Day and year aforesaid at the Parish and County aforesaid him the said Benjamin and Sundry and many other Liege Subjects of our Lord the King that now is then and there being Grievously did bite and Wound to the great Damage and Common Nuisance to all Liege Subjects of our said Lord the King in by and through the said Town going Returning Passing Walking Riding and Labouring and against the Peace of the said Lord Proprietary his good Rule and Government &c. Falsely and Maliciously to be Exhibited and by the Grand Jurors for the Body of the Same County then and there Sworn and Charged to Enquire for the said Lord Proprietary to be found did procure and to be Prosecuted did Cause untile the, the said John afterwards, to wit at a Court of the said Lord Proprietary held at Somerset County in and for the said County on the (Nineteenth)