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I.H. Reverend Alexr Adams } Maryland ss.
a.
I.G. Edmund Berry Godfrey } Edmund Berry Godfrey
Pain

Pain late of Charles County Planter was
Attached to Answer unto Alexander Adams
Junr in a Plea of Trespass on the Case &c.

And Whereupon the said Alexander by I Hall his Attorney complains
that whereas he the said Alexander is a good true Pious faithfull and honest liege
and Subject of the Lord the now King and as such a good True pious faith-
-full and honest liege and Subject of our said Lord the King and of his Pro-
-genitors Kings and Queens of Great Britain hath behaved and carried him-
-self from the Time of his Nativity hitherto and of good name fame condition
Conversation and Behaviour for the whole Time aforesaid as well amongst his
Neighbours as others Subjects of our said Lord the King hath been held
known said Deemed and reputed and from all Felony Robery fraud theft
or other the like hateful Crime or from any Stain or Suspicion of the same for
the whole Time aft. hath lived hitherto free clear and altogether unsuspected
and his Goods and Chattells Lands and Tenements hath hitherto kept safe
and untouched from the Rigor of the Law against Felons and other Male-
factors made and Provided Nevertheless the aft. Edmund Berry Godfrey
of the Premisses not being Ignorant but Contriving and fraudulently intending
him the said Alexander in his good name Fame Credit and reputation
to injure Scandalise and defame and into the Danger of undergoing the
Pains and Penalties by the Laws and Statutes of Great Britain and
this Province on Felons and such other Malefactors inflicted to bring and
Induce did on the day of in the Year of our Lord one thou-
-sand seven hundred and fifty at the County aft. of and Con-
-cerning him the said Alexander in the Presence and hearing of Divers
liege Subjects of our said Lord the King Wickedly and Maliciously by
Speak Assert Utter and with a loud Voice Publish and Pronounce these
false Feigned Scandalous and Opprobrious English Words following that
is to say he (him the said Alexander meaning) killed my hogge (the

I. the hogge of him the said Edmund Berry Godfrey meaning) and eat them at his
own Table (the Table of him the said Alexander And Whereas the aforesaid Ed-
-mund Berry Godfrey afterwards to wit on the day of in the Year of
our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifty at the County aft. out of his further
Malice against him the said Alexander in the Presence and hearing of
Divers other the liege Subjects of our said Lord the King these other false
Feigned Scandalous and Opprobrious English Words of and Concerning him
the said Alexander did Speak Assert Utter and with a loud Voice Publish
and Pronounce that is to say he (him the said Alexander meaning) stole
my hogge (the hogge of him the said Edmund Berry Godfrey meaning)
and eat them by means of the Speaking and Publishing of which
aft. false feigned and Scandalous Words the said Alexander hath not
only been great injured in his good name Credit and reputation but
into hatred and infamy amongst his Neighbours and others Subjects of our
said Lord the King hath been brought Wherefore the said Alexander saith
he is the Worse and hath Damage to the Value of One hundred Pounds
Sterling Money aft. and therefore Suit is brought &c.

Pledges &c. { John Doe
Richd Roe

And the aforesaid Edmund Berry Godfrey Pain by Thomas Clark his Attor-
-ney aft. Prays leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it
and the same day is Given to the Plaintiff also

At which said next Court to wit the Tenth day of April Anno Domi-
-ni 1759 come again the said Parties Plaintiff & Defendant by their Attor-
-neys aft. and the said Defendant by his said Attorney Prays further
Leave to Imparle hereunto untill 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
-no)