without any Colour or Right to the Tenements and
Premisses with a wicked Design to Dominecke and
hurt the said Thomas Hobs Dickie and Jethro, and the
like to the same Land appearing to be in the aforesaid William
Flower by the Ord: of Court Brought into question Hard
ord. Ord by the same Court, that the said aforesaid be not
further Molested in, but that the said aforesaid Thomas having
any Judicial in the Matter to do at his Proper Costs and Charges
with Power and that the Sheriff should Summon a Jury
to Make Inquisition upon the Land aforesaid, whether the said
Thomas Hobs Entered thereon according to Law according to
Law, and that the two next Justices of the peace to the same
Land should be present and Make return of their proceedings
therein to the then next County Court, at which Court
County Court held the Seventh Day of March Anno
Dom: Seventeen hundred and Nine, the William Dispenth
and Adam Bell two of the Justices of that Court Made
the foll: Returns on Inquisition of our Lady the
Queen taken in the Forest hundred in the County of St Mary
the Nineteenth Day of December Seventeen hundred and
Nine by the Oath of Peter Waite Edward Morgan John
Ryan Valentine Cole Robert Turtill John Everall
William Barrett Francis Jeffewell Robert Warner Jos:
Walder Thomas Meade Henry Horne Fra: Cole and John
Noble Fourteen Good and Lawfull men of the Neighbour
hood, Before the same William Dispenth and Adam Bell
two of the Justices of our Lady the Queen to Keep the peace
in the said County Assigned, and to hear and Determine Divers
Felonies Trespasses and other Evill Deeds Committed in the
same County, who Do say upon their Oaths that Thomas
Hobs of the Forest hundred in the said County was lawfully
and peaceably Seized in his Demesne of and into one
Messuage of that Land called William Flowers, which he
the Jury aforesaid Lord the Land Tenant of the Land that
was in Dispute between the said Hobs and Mestfet and
that the said Hobs made no Forcible Entry upon the said Land
and that the said Hobs was Seized &c and that the said
Hobs Did Either Enter with Weapons Staves nor Armed men
but went on peaceably Course of a Letter of Attorney
from the above Flower, and he Continued in peaceable
possession until the above Thomas Mestfet Brought a
Plaint of Trespass against the above said Hobs for Ought
Light &c and then Did Keep out to the Great Disturbance of
the peace of our said Lady the Queen and against the form
of the Statutes in that Case made and provided whereas
Thomas Mestfet nor any other whose State he then in

(Was)

Was Minister had not had any Kind Money or Rent the Rent within
three years last past nor at any time before to the Knowledge
of the said Jurors, as by the same Inquisition under Inquisition and
Return Sent on the Record in the County Court of our Lady
the Queen aforesaid Holden Manifesting as Plaint and the said
Thomas Mestfet in further prosecution of his Malice and
False Informer Did Do Deprive the same Thomas Hobs
from having possession of the Land and Premises aforesaid
pursuant to the Inquisition and Return Sent to the County and
within the said Division aforesaid Did procure and Resist Hester
Clarke Hannah Clarke and Hannah Harpham to prosecute
of her Majesty Court of Exchequer Writ of Error for
Reversing the aforesaid Writ of Inquisition and all Proceed
ings therein and the Inquisition so as aforesaid taken before the
Justices of the said Court and the same Writ of Error and
Did Sign and Seal Issued to, and allowed by the
Justices of the County Court of St Mary's County aforesaid the
Twentieth Day of March Anno Dom: Seventeen hundred and
Nine aforesaid whereby the whole proceedings in the Matter
were Removed to the Criminall Court aforesaid, and the said
Thomas Hobs Hurried to Defend his Property and Clear himself
from the Crimes and Penalties of the aforesaid Statutes, and
obliged to attend the same Court, by which Court
the said Thomas Hobs the Seventh Day of April Anno Do
Seventeen hundred and Ten was Clearly Fully Acquitted of
and from the False and Malicious Crimes and Misdemeanors
of the said Thomas Mestfet and by Virtue of an order of the
said Court afterwards the Twenty Eighth Day of April
Seventeen hundred and Ten Did put into his quiet and
peaceable possession of the same Messuage and Land by
means of which False Feigned and Malicious Information
prosecution and proceedings of him said Thomas Mestfet
in the Interim Did the said Thomas Hobs Lose that he had so
only totally lost all the whole Benefit and advantage of the
Land aforesaid from the Thirteenth Day of Aug: Anno Do
Dom: Twenty Eighth Day of April being one year and Eight Months
with his Crops of Tobacco Dig, but in Charges himself from
the aforesaid False Feigned and Malicious Information Indictment
and Prosecution aforesaid, by the said Thomas Mestfet
Maliciously Contrived Stirred and Followed as aforesaid Hester
obliged to Lose and Disburse Divers Great Sums of Money
and Tobacco, for Counsell and Fees Charges Clerks and other
Officers Fees and his quiet Possession whereby he lost the
Mark Improved and Cultivated in his State and Lost to the
value of Twenty Thousand pounds of Tobacco and therefore the
Tenant Sue &c. Llewellin & Lewis Judges &c. Jno Lee Clerk

(and)