suspicion of any such hurtful crime, always lived free innocent and wholly unsuspected, all kind of modesty sincerity probity and honestly desireing and practiceing, by means whereof the said Catharine not only deservedly got and maintained the good will of her friends neighbours and other good Citizens of Maryland but injoyed great domestic happiness and comfort with her said Husband Edward, and with him lived in love harmony and mutual regard and confidence, Nevertheless the said Catharine Garner not being ignorant of the premises but envying the happy Condition of the said Catharine and maliciously and wickedly intending to injure the said Catharine in her good name fame and reputation, and the said Catharine into great scandal and contempt to bring with her said Husband friends neighbours and other good Citizens of Maryland she the said Catharine Garner on the day of in the year seventeen hundred and at Charles County aforesaid having conversation of and concerning the said Catharine and of and concerning an infant child which the said Catharine had brought forth to her said Husband, and had been delivered of, and which said Child was born of the said Catharine before the day and year last aforesaid and a long time after the espousals between her and her said Husband had been duly solemnized and during the continuance of the marriage aforesaid, did wickedly falsely and maliciously with a loud voice speak and proclaim these false feigned scandalous and opprobrious English words following of and concerning the said Catharine in the presence and hearing of many respectable people and citizens of Maryland aforesaid to wit, that she the said Catharine had a Mulatto Child (meaning that the Child aforesaid was begotten by a negroe) and that the Child (the aforesaid child meaning) was the Child of a negroe, and the said Catharine Garner afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid having other conversation of and concerning the said Catharine and her Child aforesaid did farther wickedly maliciously and falsely publish and with a loud voice proclaim these other false feigned scandalous and opprobrious English words following of and concerning the said Catharine in the presence and hearing of divers good Citizens of Maryland to wit

by reason of the speaking of which said scandalous opprobrious false and feigned words by the said Catharine Garner of and concerning the said Catharine, she the said Catharine is not only brought into the great scandal and infamy of whoredom Adultery and infidelity among very many respectable Citizens of Maryland but the domestic tranquility harmony and happiness of the said Catharine with her said Husband Edward has been injured broken and greatly disturbed and many honest and reputable people of the said State who before the speaking and publishing the said false feigned and scandalous words used greatly to desire the society of the said Catharine have since totally withdrawn themselves from all conversation and intercourse with her the said Catharine and from her company have allogether abstained as from a lewd unchaste woman and daily do more and more withdraw themselves to the damage of them the said Catharine and Edward in the sum of five hundred pounds current money and therefore suit is brought &c.

John Doe and
Richard Roe.

M. I. Stone for the Plaintiffs, Pledges and so forth.

Charles County to wit, William Garner and Ann his wife late of Charles County were attached to answer unto Edward Boarman Junior and Catharine his wife of

of a plea of trespass on the case and so forth. And Whereupon the said Edward Boarman Junior and Catharine his wife by Michael Jenifer Stone their Attorney complain that whereas the said Catharine for a long time past the wife of the said Edward is a good true pious chaste and Virtuous Citizen of Maryland and as a good true pious chaste and Virtuous Citizen of Maryland from the time of her birth hitherto hath behaved and demeaned herself and continued and was known and reputed to be of good and chaste reputation and Virtuous behaviour among her friends neighbours and other honest Citizens of the State and from all and all manner of whoredom Adultery fornication and incontinency and from any suspicion of any such hurtful crime always lived free innocent and wholly unsuspected, all kind of Modesty sincerity probity and honestly desireing and practiceing by means whereof the said Catharine not only deservedly got and maintained the good will of her friends neighbours and other good Citizens of Maryland but injoyed great domestic happiness and comfort with her said Husband Edward and with him lived in love harmony and mutual regard and confidence, Nevertheless the said Ann not being ignorant of the premises but envying the happy condition of the said Catharine and maliciously and wickedly intending to injure the said Catharine in her good name fame and reputation and the said Catharine into great scandal and contempt to bring with her said Husband friends neighbours and other good citizens of Maryland she the said Ann on the day of seventeen hundred and at Charles County aforesaid having conversation of and concerning the said Catharine and of and concerning an infant Child which the said Catharine had brought forth to her said Husband and had been delivered of, and which said Child was born of the said Catharine before the day and year last aforesaid and a long time after the espousals between her and her said Husband had been duly solemnized and during the continuance of the marriage aforesaid did wickedly falsely and maliciously with a loud voice speak and proclaim these false feigned scandalous and opprobrious English words following of and concerning the said Catharine in the presence and hearing of many reputable people and Citizens of Maryland aforesaid to wit, that she the said Catharine had a mulatto Child (meaning that the Child aforesaid was begotten by a negroe) and that the Child (the aforesaid Child meaning) was the child of a negroe, And the said Ann afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at the County aforesaid having other conversation of and concerning the said Catharine and her Child aforesaid did farther wickedly maliciously and falsely publish with a loud voice proclaim these other false feigned scandalous and opprobrious English words following of and concerning the said Catharine in the presence and hearing of divers good Citizens of Maryland to wit

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