

Liber K. Green to bring an action against your Petitioners for scandalizing her, & the said Iustice Hammond threatned to Sue your Petitioners for scandalizing him in the said Petⁿ & threatned to have your petitioner susannah whipped for civilly & according to Law complaining by petition to your Exc^{lley} when she had been really & in truth robbed & like to be murdered & left for dead

Your Petitioners humbly pray that your Petitioner Susannahs oath may be taken or that the said Susannah Green may be committed or give security to answer the same the next Provincial Court & that your Petitioners may have Summons granted for their Witnesses to prove the same

And they shall ever pray &c^a

D. 220 The honourable Coll^o Nicholas Greenberry present at the Board upon reading the foregoing petition humbly moves leave of his Excellency in vindication of his own honour & reputation as also of Iustice Hammonds in the petition likewise hinted at, to declare & make known to the Board the falsity of what is Suggested in the said Petition & the lewd wicked Character of the pet^r Susanna & accordingly informs the board that pursuant to his Excellencys Commands to him he had enquired & examined into the matter of fact Contained in the petitioners first Complaint & could not find any thing material or Substantial therein for which reason & to prevent perjury he had denied the said Ann her oath he also produced & was read to the Board a Certificate from Captain Richardson Keeper of Newgate attested by M^r Way Notary Royal & approved by M^r Scorey and M^r Hayward two other publick Notarys setting forth that the said Susannah is a most notorious Malefactor convict transported into these parts &c^a

Whereupon Ordered that the petition aforesaid be rejected & the tenor thereof Esteemed & taken to be notoriously false & Scandalously & no Credit to be given thereto but that precept issue from this Board to Captain Iohn Hammond to call before him the said Petitioners & require of them Bond of £100 with two good sufficient sureties in the sum of 50 l Sterl each for their appearance at the next provincial Court to answer &c^a & for their good Behaviour in the meantime (viz^t)

By his Excellency the Gov^r & Council
Maryland ss

May the 6th 1693

Whereas It hath been made manifest to the Board that Susannah Dryer the wife of Samuel Dryer of Ann Arundel County a person of evil fame convict hath in a most notorious scandalous manner abused defamed & bespattered several p^{ns} of principal Note Majistrates & others in