

reporting that he had had vncivill doeings with her, the which yo^r pet^r scorning by the advice of her freinds she did striue to weane her selfe from her former Childish Loue; which Thomas Courtney he doth goe aboute to dishonor yo^r pet^r reporting that he hath layne with her, with many impudent and false abuses, besides a letter in the which he doth abuse me in a very vncivill and abusive manner wherefore yo^r pet^r humbly beseeches yo^r honors to take itt into yo^r serious Consideracōns the Condiçōn of a poore abused Mayd who sues for Justice ag^t her abusiuc adversary and as in duty bound she shall ever pray.

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The p^t sues the def^t in an accōn of defamacōn for giving out in speeches that he hath layn with the p^t whereupon the def^t craues a Jury which was granted

Warr^t mde to the Sherriffe of S^t Marys County to impannell a Jury the Sherriff returned his writt and warned

Cap ^t Thomas Manning	} Tho: Bennett	} Robert Slye		
John Hamond			} Hugh Stanley	} Fran: Batchelor
Humphry Haggett			} W ^m Hatton	} Henry Spinke
James Veach			} W ^m Bretton	} John Nuttwell

Cap^t Thomas Manning Foreman sworne together with the rest abouemenconed,

To the hono^{b^{te}} the Leiutenn^t Generall and Councell W^m Bretton to Gyles Sadleir late Sherriff of that County to collect for him, But the said Gyles being infortunately cast away, yo^r pet^r not well knowing how to recouer his said debts He humbly prayes that James Ueich of Calvert County may be impowred by order of this hono^{b^{te}} Co^{rt} to leauy by way of Execucōn after demand made all, or any pcell of the said fees for which the s^d Gyles Sadleir hath given noe receipt for under his hand, M^r Hugh Stanley haueing the booke of fees in his Custody now p^rsent in Co^{rt} and willing to Relinquish the same according to this agreem^t with Veich and yo^r pet^r & he shall pray &c.

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Vpon the petiçōn abouesaid Ordered that Hugh Stanley deliuer up to W^m Bretton his Booke of fees and that James Ueitch may haue writt to Leauy the s^d fees according to the petiçōn

Then The Jury returned their Verdict (vizt) The accōn of scandall lyes and wee finde for the p^t five hundred pounds of tobacco and Caske dammages Ordered that Thomas Courtney aske the s^d Sarah Taylor forgiveness in open Co^{rt} upon his knees for scandaling of the p^t, which was done accordingly

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Courtney