

defend.^t waving the same M.^r Moorecroft craves time till the next Court to reply or Except to the sd defend.^{ts} second ans.^r which this Court held reasonable and doth order the same accordingly. Liber CD

The same day John Bayley pl.^t Raymond Staplefort defend.^t

M.^r Rozer for the pl.^t craves time to till the next Court to Reply or Except to the answer putt in this day by the defend.^t to the plaintiffs Bill which this Court doth ord.^r accordingly

The same day Christopher Rouseby and Eliz.^a his wife plaintiffs
John Peirce defendant

M.^r Moorcroft Attorney for the plaintiff prays that an Attachment may Issue out of the Court defendant for an answer but M.^r Notley the defendant side mov that the Bill is a Bill of an extraordinary length and as yett he had had no time to draw the sd defend.^{ts} answer and therefore prayed that he might have time till the next Court to putt in an answer to the pl.^{ts} Bill but M.^r Moorcroft alleading there was a Suit and not approving that motion so as the plaintiff wou'd Surcease his proceedings at the common Law. It is thereupon ordered by this Court that that the said defend.^t shall have liberty to putt in his answer by the next Court and that an Injunction be awarded against the sd defendant for Stay of his proceedings at Law the plaintiffs he shall perfectly and directly answer the pl.^{ts} Bill and this Court take other order to the Contrary.

Ro. Carville Reg.^r

The Sherriffs Oath

Ye shall Swear that well and truely you shall serve the Lord prōp̄ry in the office of Sheriff of the County of N. & do his Lordships profitts in all that belongeth to you to do by way of your office as far forth as you may or can Ye shall not assent to decrease or lessen nor to Concealment at any of his Lordships rights or of his franchizes and whensoever ye shall have knowledge that his Lordships rights be concealed or withdrawn be it in Lands Rents franchizes or Gifts or any other things ye shall do your true power to make them to be restored to his Lordship again and if ye may not do it ye shall Certify his Lordship or some of his Councilll thereof such as ye shall for Certainty know will say it unto his Lordship ye shall not respitt his Lordships Debts for any Gift or favour where you may raise them without great Grievance of the Debtor ye shall truely and righteously treat the people of your Sheerifwick and do right to poor as well as to rich in all that belongeth to your office ye shall do no wrong to any man for a Gift or other behest or promise of goods nor yee shall disturb no mans right ye shall acquitt all those of whom ye shall any thing receive of his Lordships debts ye shall