

Liber A The Defendant alleging that hee was arested on this verie day and thearfor Could not prepare himself to answer unto the suit but Craueth a referance untill the next Court which is Granted :

John Michell Plantiue Francis Doughtie Minister Defendant	}	The Plantiue Aresting the Defendant in an Action of Defamation Prefereth her Petition as followeth
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To the Worshipfull Commissioner of Charleses Countie

The humble Petition of John Michell your Poor Petioner as followeth

[p. 151] Whearas your Poor Petitioner is most shamfully and her good name taken away from her shee doath desire that shee may bee righted and that shee may bee searched by able woemen whether she bee such a person or no which thos persons say I am and if I bee found to bee such a one I may bee punished by law or els to bee Cleared by Proclamation and that the worshipfull bench woold tak it into ther serious Consideration how that I am Abused and my good name taken from mee without disart and I most humbly desire your worships that I may haue the law against them and I your poore petitioner shall bee bound to pray for you and yours

383 I desire th^t M^r Francis Doughty may bring thos Persons to light that haue rayed this schandalous reports of mee for hee sayd that I salluted a woman at Church and her teeth fell a Aking as if shee had bin mad and I desired him to tell mee who had rayed this report of mee and hee woold not and so from one to an other my good name is taken away that I Cannot bee at quiet for them for it is all their delight and table talke how to doe mee a mischief beeing a poore distressed widow but my trust is in God that hee will plead my Case for mee and will neuer suffer the poor and innocent to perish by the hands of their Enemies for of a sunday as I was going to Church with too of Capt : Fendalls folks M^r Walkers man hurled stones at mee as I was going along and so hid himself again which for any thing that I know his master might set him on to Mischefe mee and hee himself wrongs mee by word and I your petitioner shal bee euer bound to pray for you

The Sheriff by Reson of the Defendants siknes Craueth in his behalf a Referance which is granted :

Joan Michell Plantiue M ^r Enock Doughti Defendant	}	The Plantiue Aresting the defendant in an action of slander desiereth that her witnesses might haue thear oaths giuen them which was granted
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384 M^{is} Ane Cage sworne and examined in open Court sayeth that M^r Enock Doughtie Called unto goodie Michell and sayed goodie Michel