

Liber B And for the Confirmation of the sayd Petition the Plantiue humbly Requesteth that William heard M^r Walter Beane John Wheler and Alexander Whit might haue thear oath giuen them which was granted

William heard Sworne and examined in open Court sayeth that hee Remembereth nothing appertaining to the action of defamation Commenced by James Lee against M^r John Meekes and further sayeth not:

M^r Walter Beane Sworne and Examined in open Court sayeth that hee Remembereth nothing that M^r Meekes spoake against the fame of James lee and further sayeth not:

John Wheler Sworne and Examined in open Court sayeth that the night after the last Court thear was sum words past betweene M^r Meekes and James Lee and that M^r Meekes sayd to James Lee thow art a theif and Ile proue thee a theif and further sayeth not:

[p. 202] Alexander white sworne and examined in open Court sayeth that hee heard M^r Meekes say that James lee was a theef and that hee had stoale a paer of stokings and further sayeth not

Whearupon M^r Meekes humbly Requesteth that John Cherman Joane Wilmott and Zarah Chad might haue thear oaths giuen them which was granted:

John Cherman Sworne and Examined in open Court sayeth that his wife heard M^r Meekes M^r Lugar and M^r Lee very Merry in the stoare together and in the morning shee heard a Case opened and drinke Rune into the bottell and after shee desired this deponant to get up and put on his Cloaths and see what was the dooings in M^r Meekeses Stoare and hee did sow and hee went and saw James Lee Coming from the Rume Caske with a bottell full of drinke but whether hee Come from the Rum Caske or no this deponant knows not and further that hee went Rownd to the stoar doar and James lee beeing in the stoare cuming towards the stoar door with a peece of browne paper in his hand Rubbing sugar of of his hands which hee saw upon his hands and further sayeth not.

This deposition beeing dictated by himself in open Court was afterwards three seuerall times distinctly read ouer unto him thear then beeing so great a silence in the Court that hardly was thear any one heard so much as to whisper the Clarke only excepted who read the deposition and euery time at the end thearof demanded of the sayd Chearman wheather or no it was word by word his very oaths and wheather or no hee understood euery part and Parcell thearof? to boath which questions the sayd Chearman Replied is; whearupon hee humbly intreated him to giue good Attention to his oath and