

Liber BB  
No. 2 } John Wedge Plat  
John Wickes Deff<sup>t</sup> } In a Plea : of Defamation : Declaracon Read  
To th<sup>e</sup> Worship<sup>th</sup> Comissc̄ for Talbott County the the humble  
Petti<sup>o</sup>con of John Wedge :

Humbly Sheweth that John Wickes was at th<sup>e</sup> house of M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup>  
Wells In Chester River In January Last Where th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Wickes a  
Scandowlos libell ag<sup>st</sup> th<sup>e</sup> Reputa<sup>o</sup>con of yo<sup>r</sup> Pettico<sup>n</sup>s wife and family  
which is a Breach of th<sup>e</sup> Peace of this Prouince : yo<sup>r</sup> Pettco<sup>n</sup> doth  
Therefore Humbly Craue th<sup>t</sup> this Notorious fellow be Seuerly  
Punishe and Sattisfaction made to th<sup>e</sup> Ageuance of yo<sup>r</sup> Pettico<sup>n</sup>  
as this Worship<sup>th</sup> Courtt Shall thinke Fitt and yo<sup>r</sup> Pettco<sup>n</sup> shall as  
in duty Bound : Euer pray :

Zahariah Mahew aged about thirty foures yeares

Sworne and Examined in open Courtt : Saith that John Wickes  
Importuned yo<sup>r</sup> depon<sup>t</sup> to Writte a Scandallous Song w<sup>ch</sup> th<sup>e</sup> Said  
wicke Sung with derission and Scoff to Seuerall Person & Likewise  
avouheth it to be his owne Invention of of John Wedges wife &  
further Saith Not  
his marke

Zachariah Mahew

[p. —] Thomas Horrockes aged about 25 yeares Sworne & Examined In  
open Courtt

Saith th<sup>t</sup> John Wickes Impertuned yo<sup>r</sup> depon<sup>t</sup> to writ a Scandalous  
Song w<sup>ch</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> depon<sup>t</sup> did write w<sup>ch</sup> he th<sup>e</sup> said Wickes sunge Before  
Seurall Persson w<sup>ch</sup> Like wise he Auouhed that it was his Owne In-  
vention of John Wedges Wife & further saith not

Tho : Horrockes

The Songe was Read in Open Courtt a found Scandalous to th<sup>e</sup>  
s<sup>d</sup> John Wedge and his wife Therefore the Courtt hath ordred that  
John Wickes Pay for a fine to th<sup>e</sup> Right Hon<sup>bl</sup> th<sup>e</sup> Lord Proprietary  
one Thousand pounds of Tobacoe for Brach of his Lordpps Peace  
and to John Wedge and his Wife to Aske their forgiuiness on his  
Knees for th<sup>e</sup> abuse done to them & to pay all Cost and Charge of  
Suit or Execution to Essue forth ag<sup>t</sup> th<sup>e</sup> said Wickes for th<sup>e</sup> same

Harbatt Croft Plat } In a Plea of Trespass uppon Case : Declara-  
John Bradborne Deff<sup>t</sup> } con Read  
Talbot County ss

Harbatt Croft of this County Complaineth against John Brad-  
borne in a Plea of Trespass upon Case that th<sup>e</sup> said John bout th<sup>e</sup>  
Last of December past did Sell unto him th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Herbertt a Cow that  
went at th<sup>e</sup> house of Tho : Mathew of this County for a vallueable  
Considera<sup>o</sup>con and th<sup>e</sup> said John did faithfully Promiss and Agree  
with th<sup>e</sup> said Harbertt that he would haue th<sup>e</sup> said Cow when Soeuer  
he would Receue hir yett Notwithstanding th<sup>e</sup> said John Allthough  
th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Harbertt hath Offten demanded th<sup>e</sup> Said Cow of th<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John  
he Alltogether Reffused to deliuer th<sup>e</sup> said Cow according to there