

stood bound & ingaged to th^e Merchan^t for & in behalfe of th^e sd Rich: for th^e paym^t of Tobacco due from th^e sd Rich: to th^e sd Merchan^t for Certaine drink expended att th^e sd Rich^ds Marriage & not yet pd for by him Notwthstanding a writt of execu^{co} was issued out ag^t th^e sd Nicho: for th^e same And further th^e sd Nichol: did most falsly report th^t th^e sd Richard was intended this p^rsent yeare to goe for England, & th^t he th^e sd Nichol: upon th^e sd Richards refusall to pay him th^e sd Debt did underwrite th^e sd Rich^{ds} name at S^t Maries w^{ch} last words th^e sd Richa: humbly conceaveth by an easy & familiar Construction doe import th^t he th^e sd Rich: upon supposall of his reall intention to goe for England this yeare (w^{ch} nevertheless he denieth) did seek & endeavour in a Clandestine manner to defeate & defraude severall Creditors of his to whome he oweth tobacco by Concealing his sd purpose & intention from his sd Credito^{rs} & th^t th^e sd Rich: would pay none of his sd Credit^{rs} but those of th^m as should together wth th^e sd Nicho: underwrite his th^e sd Rich^{ds} name as afore^{sd} W^{ch} Construction to have beene made by severall of his Creditors th^e sd Ric^d by their importunate & restless pressing him to th^e paym^t of his Debts (w^{ch} by reas^o of many Debts owing to him th^e sd Rich: he cannot at p^rsent pay) & denying any longer to Credit him & threatning to arrest & implead him, th^e sd Rich: by sad experience hath found to th^e Damnifying him very much in his Credit and Reputation, And further th^e sd Nicho: not Considering th^t he had as yet sufficiently slandered & Defamed th^e sd Rich: did publickly report & th^t to severall persons th^t th^e sd Rich: Acc^t of Fees relating to his th^e sd Rich^s late office in this Worth Court & p^ticularly & expresly his Acc^t of Fees due from th^e sd Nicho: to th^e sd Rich^d att th^t time & now at this p^rsent in th^e hands of th^e sd Nicho: was dishonest & unjust & th^t his th^e sd Nicholas Acc^t of Ordinary Accomoda^{co}ns due to him from th^e sd Richa: was far more honest & Just & th^t he th^e sd Rich: in th^e p^ticular acc^t last mentioned had charged one & th^e same three severall times, w^{ch} false & slanderous reports th^e sd Richard saith he much fears may endanger th^e questioning all his oth^r acc^{ts} of fees now in th^e Sheriffs hands whereby he may be put to great trouble & suffer great delay before he can be satisfied th^e same Although th^e sd Rich: saith This injury is th^e least th^t may acru to him thereupon for th^t he th^e sd Rich: being at p^rsent destitute of employ^t hath great Cause to feare least th^e sd slanderous reports utter'd by th^e sd Nicho: may be a great hinderance & stoppage to his th^e sd Rich^s advancm^t & future preferm^t unless this Wors^{full} Court shall vindicate & relieve his th^e sd Rich^s Credit according to Justice to whose mature Considera^{co}n th^e sd Richard humbly submits th^e premises Humbly Craveing releafe therein in such way & maⁿer as this Wor^{full} Court shall judge meet but in espiciall manner th^t a Jury of th^e County may be impanelled to Consider of & returne w^t Damags th^e sd Rich hath sustained in his Credit & reputa^{co}n upon Acc^t of any or all th^e sd slandrous words