

And the said John by his Attorney Henry Smith  
 saith that the said Richard most maliciously and with  
 an evill Intent hath scandalously reported that the  
 said John upon the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September Anno Domini  
 one Thousand six hundred seventij and foure  
 way lay him And did violently Assault the sd  
 Richard upon the high way the which is altogether  
 false the said John being then resident for his host  
 in Mr. Revells house whereby he is damaged  
 and hath damage in his reputation to the value  
 of two thousand pounds of Cobane and Cash And  
 thereupon brings his suite

¶ quod Henry Smith

And the defend<sup>t</sup> Richard Shorlley Commet<sup>t</sup> defend<sup>t</sup>  
 himselfe And puts in the following writing viz

To the Comm<sup>es</sup> of the County of Sommers<sup>et</sup>

The Petition of Richard Shorlley Sheweth that whereas  
 yo<sup>r</sup> petition<sup>r</sup> came at Avinhob to the Court returning  
 from John Shillyard assailed yo<sup>r</sup> petitioner upon the  
 Proprietarys high way and after Complaynt made  
 to the Comm<sup>es</sup> he thinning to avoid the Proprietarys  
 suite hath entred an anon of defamacion against yo<sup>r</sup>  
 petitioner /

Therefore yo<sup>r</sup> petition<sup>r</sup> prayes that the anon  
 of defamacion may be referd till the Proprietarys