

At County Court held the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November in y<sup>e</sup> eight year of y<sup>e</sup> Dominion of y<sup>e</sup> R<sup>o</sup> Charles over Marylande Annoq<sup>o</sup> 1673 before his Excell<sup>ty</sup> Justice hereunto assigned & charged

present } Coll<sup>o</sup> William Colebourne : m<sup>o</sup> Roger Wolford }  
          } Capt<sup>o</sup> Henry Smith : Major Ambrose London }

Francis Baker p<sup>te</sup> }  
                          } Look<sup>o</sup> p<sup>te</sup>  
                          } in his own person  
Thomas Maulou del<sup>o</sup> }

Summes<sup>o</sup> of County Thomas Maulou late of this County was charged to answer unto Francis Baker in an action of defamation

And where upon the p<sup>te</sup> by Thomas Looke his attorney Com<sup>o</sup> & Sauc<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> he the said Thomas upon y<sup>e</sup> the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August last past in the year of our Lord 1673 at the house of John Goldsmith Sum<sup>o</sup> the said Thomas did maliciously defame and abuse the p<sup>te</sup> & called him theefe & many other ill names & violent blowes to the great hindrance & disadvantage of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>te</sup> being in a strange place And alsoe the said Thomas did openly declare to y<sup>e</sup> people there at the aforesaid house that y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>te</sup> did steal his negroe from his fence side whereupon the p<sup>te</sup> saith he is damaged and hath damage to y<sup>e</sup> value of fiftie poundes of Tobacco in his Credit & reputation & there upon bringe this Bill

Pledge d<sup>o</sup> }  
                  } R<sup>o</sup> Rec<sup>o</sup>

per qu<sup>o</sup> Tho: Looke

And the said Thomas Maulou def<sup>o</sup> Com<sup>o</sup> & def<sup>o</sup> himselfe & pleades not guilty & this he praye<sup>o</sup> may be tried by the County to y<sup>e</sup> the p<sup>te</sup> agrees thereto It is Comanded y<sup>e</sup> the Sheriff of this County Cause to come here Twelve good & Lawfull men to trye the issue Joined betwene Francis Baker p<sup>te</sup> & Thomas Maulou def<sup>o</sup> Evidence sworn before the Co<sup>o</sup> & Jury on the part of the p<sup>te</sup> John King way v<sup>o</sup> Julia Keate & w<sup>o</sup> Trentie on the part of y<sup>e</sup> def<sup>o</sup> John Webb

And the same day to wit the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November came alsoe the said Francis Baker by his Attorney Thomas Looke And the said Thomas Maulou his proper person as the said Jurors sworn John King: John Deurb: w<sup>o</sup> Gullet: w<sup>o</sup> Martha: Ju<sup>o</sup> Dorman plant<sup>o</sup>: Robert Smith: John Crisler: James Solbo: Sam<sup>o</sup> Hardy: w<sup>o</sup> Wallon: James Dent w<sup>o</sup> Keene: who to say the Truth being summoned Impanelled & sworn upon their oathes say y<sup>e</sup> they finde for the p<sup>te</sup> two hundred poundes of Tobacco Therefore the Co<sup>o</sup> ord<sup>o</sup>: that the def<sup>o</sup> Thomas Maulou pay unto the p<sup>te</sup> Francis Baker two hundred poundes of Tobacco & Cost of Sute at the exp<sup>o</sup> of the p<sup>te</sup>

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And whereupon the p<sup>te</sup> by Thomas Looke his attorney Com<sup>o</sup> & Sauc<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> he the said Francis upon the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of o<sup>o</sup> 1672 did agree with y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>te</sup> to m<sup>o</sup> 700 logs four Eggs upon the p<sup>te</sup> plantation by estimate following w<sup>o</sup> he the said Baker did faithfully promise to performe the aforesaid Barrell of Loggs and rec<sup>o</sup> full satisfaction of the p<sup>te</sup> for the same but the said Baker little regarding his promise but fraudulently intending the p<sup>te</sup> to receive of y<sup>e</sup> quantity of four hundred of the aforesaid Loggs both deny & full deny to pay the same although often therunto required by the p<sup>te</sup> whereupon y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>te</sup> saith he is damaged & hath damage for want of his Loggs amounting to bargain to y<sup>e</sup> value of 600<sup>o</sup> of Tobacco & there upon bringe this Bill

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                  } R<sup>o</sup> Rec<sup>o</sup>

per qu<sup>o</sup> Tho: Looke

Dem<sup>o</sup> & def<sup>o</sup> Joynes issue & putt<sup>o</sup> he himselfe to be tried by the Co<sup>o</sup> he def<sup>o</sup> desire the same may be proved: John Goldsmith Susanna his wife & Henry Smith plant<sup>o</sup> being summoned appeared & are sworn: the Co<sup>o</sup> finde wanting by the oathes of y<sup>e</sup> witness 420 Loggs & there fore ord<sup>o</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> Francis Baker def<sup>o</sup> Com<sup>o</sup> & def<sup>o</sup> shall pay unto the p<sup>te</sup> four hundred & twenty four Loggs on the p<sup>te</sup> said for the same & pay Cost of Sute at the exp<sup>o</sup> of the p<sup>te</sup>