

name fame Creditt and Reput aforesaid and to bring him into hate disgrace and Evill Opinion of all his neighbours and other worthy persons of this province but alsoe Innocently to Cause him the Said John Short to be brought in dainger of Suffering Such fines Corporall paines and punishments as by the Law and Stattutes for or against Such offences As aforesaid uppon Such Offenders ought to be Laid and Inflicted upon the 26th Day of August in the year of our Lord 1696 at Charles Towne within the Jurisdiction of this Court then and there in the hearing of Severall good people of this province Espetially in the hearing of Charles Weeler and Francis Billinger openly and publickly with an Audible and Lowd voyce these false feigned Scandelous and Opprobrious words falsely and Malitiously of the Said John Short did Say (Viz.) you John Short (the Said plantife meaning) hath taken a false oath and are forsworne and that he the Said John Short meaning was a forsworne fellow and that he the Said John Gardiner meaning will prove itt whereas in truth the Said John Short did never perpretrate or Committ any Such Fact neither is guilty of any Cheating falsity Cozeanage deceit Perjury or Dishonesty whatsoever By Reason of the Saying publishing Affirmeing and declareing of which Said false Feigned Scandalous Infamous and Opprobrious words the Said John Short is not only Extreemly hurt and damnified in his good name fame Creditt and Estimation aforesaid amongst his neighbours and other faithfull and worthy persons of this Province to whome the Innocency of the Said John Short in this part is unknowne who before the Speaking and publishing of the Said words were used to keep Company Consort and Associate with him the Said John Short and with whome before that time the Said John Short did usually Negotiate deale traffick Contract buy and Sell and who hath Since withdrawne themselves from Consorting Associateing dealeing trafficking buying and Selling with him the Said John Short but alsoe the Said John Short is thereby Innocently brought in dainger and perrill of Suffering Such fines Corporall pains and Punishments as by the Lawes and Stattutes for or against Such offences as aforesaid upon Such offenders ought to be Layd and Inflicted and whereupon the Said John Short Saith he is damnified and hath Damage to the vallew of Eight thowsand pounds of tobaccoe and thereupon he brings this Suite etc.

Cleborn Lomax. Pledges etc. John Doe, Richard Roe.

T[he above] Action was by vertue of a writt of Habeas Corpus Removed to the Provintiall Court and ordered that a transcript thereof Should be Sent which was Accordingly done.

[91] Archable Edmonson plantiffe: Thomas Plumer Defendant

Prince Georges County Ss. Thomas Plumer Late of Prince Georges County planter was Attached to Answer unto Archable Edmonson of a plea of trespass upon the Case etc.

And whereupon the Said Archable by Cleborn Lomax his Attorney Complayneth that whereas upon or about the Seaventh day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord 1695 Att Calvert County that is to Say at Charles Towne within the Jurisdiction of this Court a Certaine Conferrence was had and moved between the Said Thomas and the Said Archable of and Conserving the Setting Free a Certaine man Servant Called Ninian Dew in possession of the Said Archable and had nineteen months to Serve the Said Archable in the trade of a Carpenter at the time aforesaid upon which Said Conferrence it was agreed between the Said Thomas and the Said Archable Inconsideration that he the Said Archable at the Spetiall Instance and Request of the Said Thomas would Lett goe