

March Court 1761
being elected by and sworn upon their Oath that the said Gilbert Haffington is not Guilty of the Breaches in the Declaration mentioned in manner and form as the said Gilbert above by pleading Alleged &

Therefore it is considered that the said William Goddard take nothing by his Writ and Declaration of but for his false
be therof in May and that the said Gilbert go therof without day and also by it is considered by the Court here that
the said Gilbert Haffington Recover Against the said William Goddard.
of blame for his Oath and Charges by him about his Defence in that part sustained to the same Gilbert by the Court here according
to the form of the Statute in such Case lately made and provided a Judge and that the said Gilbert have therof benefit &

Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should Take Lease to wit
of Somerset County Plaintiffs if he should be found in his Bailwick and him should Lease so that
he might have his Day before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at Brixton Ann Town the 2d
Tuesday of November Anno Domini thousand seven hundred and fifty Nine to Answer unto Samuel Hony of Ayles of
Hoope upon the Case & And the same Day is Given to the said Samuel here &

At which Day here came the said Samuel Hony by William Hayward his Attorney and the Sheriff Lewis John
Dennis Gatehouse here returned that he had taken the said Lease to wit those Day here at this Day he had ready to take
the said Samuel Hony of the said plea as to him it was Committed

Whereupon the said Lewis Boston puts in his place Little Dennis Gate Attorney at Law Against the said Samuel
Hony of the said plea - And thereupon at the prayer of the parties of Days to them now here Given until next Court to be held at
Brixton Ann Town in and for the County of the third Day of March then next following in the State that now here to the
parties of & At which Day here came the said Parties by their Attorneys of And hereupon the said Samuel Hony complained
of the said Lewis Boston in the plea of in following - Samuel of Lewis Boston Late of Somerset County Plaintiff was
Attached to Answer unto Samuel Hony of Ayles of Hoope upon the Case and def the

And whereupon the said Samuel by William Hayward his Atty complains that Whereas the said Samuel is a
and honest Liege Subject of the said Lord the King that now is and as a chaste and honest ^{and} Subject of the said Lord the King
from the time of his Birth hitherto hath behaved and Governed himself and of Good Name fame and Credit and of honest
Life and Conversation and Conversation with Good Grace Humble and Honest man as well his Neighbours as with his
Liege Subjects of the said Lord the King that now is hitherto he hath been Accounted known called and Reported and that
any stain or scandal of Whoredom fornication Juvenile Copulation Jealousy or any other fault full or vicious
Crime Unblamished and untainted by all the time of his life hath carried behaved and Governed himself and by reason thereof
the said Samuel hath deservedly got himself the Great favour and Goodwill of Divers Honorable Persons and other Liege
people of the said Lord the King that now is Nevertheless the said Lewis Well knowing the premises of his own
Malice premeditated endeavouring and pretending the said Samuel not only in his Good Name Name Repute Credit and
Estimation of to have Detracted Depressed Blamished and utterly Destroyed but also the said Samuel into scandalous
and obscene Discredit with the Honorable persons and other faithful Subjects of the said Lord the King that now is and
him the said Samuel the penalty Against any Whiteman his committing Treason and Juvenile Copulation
with a Negro Woman to have on the fourth Day of October Anno Domini 1759 in the presence and hearing of
many Liege Subjects of the said Lord the King that now is at Somerset County of falsely and maliciously Openly and
Publicly to speak relate Publish and utter of the same Samuel these false Treasonous defamatory and scandalous
English Words following to wit Samuel Hony (the said Samuel meaning and of his speaking) is a very Tall for that he (the
said Samuel again meaning) hunched (meaning hunched) his Negro Wench blamished the Negro Wench of the said Lewis
Name pleasant meaning by pretext of speaking relating and publishing of which said false scandalous and defamatory
English Words the said Samuel much hurt and injured is Whereupon the said Samuel says he is worse and that
Damage to the Value of One hundred pounds Current Money of Maryland and thereof he brings Suit and def the
that the said Samuel doth aver that the plain sense and meaning of the Word hunched in the Declaration is that
and is so in Language Generally Accepted and that
Signed: J. D. V. H.

And the said Lewis Boston by his Attorney of Comes and Defends the foresaid and prays Leave thereof to appear
here until next Court to be held at Brixton Ann Town in and for the County of the third Day of March then next following
And he hath it And the same Day is Given to the said Samuel here also

At which Day here came as well the said Samuel Hony as the said Lewis Boston by their Attorneys of And hereupon
the said Lewis prays for the Leave thereof to appear here until next Court to be held at Brixton Ann Town in and for the County
of the third Tuesday of June then next following And he hath it And the same Day is Given to the said Samuel here also