

of the said fortunes like offences made and provided that the  
worthless the said William Jones being not ignorant of the  
plenty but envied the happy estate and condition of the  
said Ralph and Mallica-fey intending not only to deprive  
him the said Ralph of his good Name fame Credit Reputation  
and reputation aforesaid and to bring and induce him the said  
Ralph into the hate and Evil opinion of all his Neighbors  
and other worthy persons of this Nation but also innocen-  
tly to cause him to be brought into danger of forfeiting of  
all and singular his goods chattels land and tenent and los-  
ing of his life on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of July Anno Domini 1638 at  
Choptan River in the County within the Jurisdiction of this Court  
those false forged and scandalous approbious words follow-  
ing than and there raising sports and communitation with  
divers faithfull and worthy persons of this Nation than and  
there being present and hearing openly publickly and with  
a loud voice did proclaimed say affirmed declared and publish  
that he the said Ralph during his time the said Ralph some plantit  
that he the said Ralph at the time aforesaid had living two  
wives the one living in Virginia in good estate and the other  
at the time aforesaid with him at his plantation in Choptan River  
within the Jurisdiction of this Court which words as they are  
spoken at the present amount to the words and intent of the  
Statute of Benjamin which is felony whereas truth the said  
Ralph no manner felony saying nor saying dishonour  
nor fornication Adultery incontinency polygamy Exces-  
sive behavior or carriage or any other such wicked and base crimes ever  
committed or perpetrated by reason of the saying speaking  
affirming declaring and publishing of which false forged  
scandalous infamous and approbious words the said Ralph is not  
only hurt and damaged in his good Name fame Credit Re-  
putation aforesaid among his Neighbors and other worthy  
and faithfull persons of this Nation but also the innocency of  
the said Ralph in this behalf was impeached who before the  
protesting and speaking of the words aforesaid were used to  
keep company consort and have familiarity with the said  
Ralph and with the said Ralph before that time used to  
meet at table consort by and with with but also  
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