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The Grand Jury for the County of Middlesex yesterday viz 17th 15th of the Instant Jany made return of 7th for the Judgment and order on 7th returns viz: Billa Vera. signed by the Lord Mayor to wit the Judgment this day read in open Court the said J^r Taylor pleaded not guilty - Whereupon Command was given by the Court that the Sheriff of the County afo^r should bring two or three good Olawfull men of the County of Middlesex that the matter in hand might be the better understood, the said Daniel Windsor of the County returned viz. John Parker, John Virgin, Rob. Down, Tho. Gordon, Wm. Howay, Hugh Parker, Richard Webb, James Bray, Cornelius Morris, James Olden, Martin Southam, Wm. Haufst 12: - who being legally summoned returned & sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, having heard the for^e Judgment read, the examination of six witnesses on behalf of the Defendant Lord the King upon their Oath against the said Taylor. Likewise the said Jury did also deliberately hear & discuss of 7th Taylor and also these four following Testaments or Certificates read in Court; recited their charges and are sent forth as follows.

I. This may certify that I was called by George Watt and desired to give the Certainty of my knowledge of a kind of person Elizabeth Cowing is that she is a contentious person & is well known and to my certain knowledge to make by & contentious & slander upon her Neighbourhood where can readily be made appear, and made out by my hand this 11th day of November 1695
George Watt.

November 11: 1695
This may certify whom it may concern that I James Watt will maintain that Elizabeth Cowing is a person of an evil Temper for slandering by lying & laying evil Reports upon all her Neighbours for I to my certain knowledge did hear Elizabeth Cowing say & swear that she would be revenged upon John Taylor, she and her Taylor having some quarrel, a butlerly dogg two day later to go and say any thing against her - this discourse was had about our year & half from this instant, & it was after they had the quarrel the while is the best I can testify upon oath if occasion serves as Witness my hand this day & date above mentioned, the marks of J^r James Watt.

November 9th 1695. This may certify whom it may concern that I Cornelius Ward & Margaret Ward do declare we do to our certain knowledge know Elizabeth Cowing to be a Woman of a bad mind & malignant to make by & contentious & slander and slanderous reports amongst her Neighbours and this is what we can say & swear if thereunto required as Witness our hand this day & year above mentioned
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the marks of Margaret Ward

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