

Then to there Comand was Given to the afo<sup>d</sup> Sher<sup>d</sup>. if he should make to come before our afo<sup>d</sup> Justices att West afo<sup>d</sup> twelve fressh Lawfull men of y<sup>e</sup> rish or County afo<sup>d</sup> which the same Day was Given unto the s<sup>d</sup> John Johnson att which Day before the Justices afo<sup>d</sup> att West County Court afo<sup>d</sup> came the afo<sup>d</sup> John Johnson in his p<sup>r</sup>son under the Custody of the afo<sup>d</sup> Sher<sup>d</sup> who then returned the panel & names of y<sup>e</sup> Jury that is to say Edward Master, Nichol<sup>s</sup> Mackij, Thomas, Kijnder, Benatus, Smith, Charles Floyd, Edward Aaron John, Farmer, John Bowler, John Bremrose, and George Copper and Thomas Bayly and the s<sup>d</sup> Jury there Impowered came to speak the truth upon the p<sup>r</sup>isses Chafan, Strijed & Sworn, then & there said upon their oathe if y<sup>e</sup> afo<sup>d</sup> John Johnson (of y<sup>e</sup> transgression alleged) in y<sup>e</sup> afo<sup>d</sup> Judicant was not Guilty; upon which it was Considered by the afo<sup>d</sup> Court then & there held, that if afo<sup>d</sup> John Johnson should, Goe from thence quietly; as by the afo<sup>d</sup> Judicant then before y<sup>e</sup> Justices remaining fully appears of record: By p<sup>r</sup>est of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>isses the s<sup>d</sup> John not onely in his good name, fame, Credit, & Estimation (since before he was raputed) was Greatly hurt & wofed, and in his body, sea inquiet appeared, but also Great sums of Tobacco & money for purging, Exonerating, & Delivering in Date: nee of his Innocency in y<sup>e</sup> part, to spend & Disburse, was constrained & Compelled, Whereby the s<sup>d</sup> John Johnson sayeth he y<sup>e</sup> work is and Damage hath sustained to y<sup>e</sup> value of three thousand pounds of Tobacco and thereupon he bringe this suit Under the s<sup>d</sup> Duke Richard

John Johnson And the Doct<sup>r</sup> by Richard Mathlin his atty comes Depend<sup>t</sup> John Johnson the same & Injury wherof & for plea sayeth if for y<sup>e</sup> manifest Impediments & Inconveniences in the p<sup>r</sup>st<sup>d</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> matter in the same. Contained the Doct<sup>r</sup> can not nor by y<sup>e</sup> Law of y<sup>e</sup> Land is <sup>not</sup> held to make answer to his he is ready to verifye wherupon he want of a sufficient Doct<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> afo<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup>st<sup>d</sup> and a sufficient matter therein to be Contained y<sup>e</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> praye Judg<sup>t</sup> of his Damages & by reason of y<sup>e</sup> p<sup>r</sup>isses Mathlin of the Doct<sup>r</sup> & reason the p<sup>r</sup>st<sup>d</sup> in his Doct<sup>r</sup> ought to have set forth of what hundred y<sup>e</sup> John Johnson was Constable

Reason He sayeth if y<sup>e</sup> John being asked how he wold of y<sup>e</sup> transgression afo<sup>d</sup> upon in name & born Imposted to w<sup>ch</sup> is conscience

Reason He sayeth if Jur<sup>s</sup> upon their oath w<sup>ch</sup> is making 22 y<sup>e</sup> singl<sup>e</sup> members

Reason The p<sup>r</sup>st<sup>d</sup> hath not alleged in his Doct<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> John Johnson did falsly and maliciously give Evidence ag<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> John Johnson

Which Doct<sup>r</sup> plea & Dem<sup>d</sup> being by y<sup>e</sup> Court heard & well understood It is by them Considered that the s<sup>d</sup> afo<sup>d</sup> Dem<sup>d</sup> is good in Law, & has been heard the pleading & allegations on both sides -

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