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premises but contriving & maliciously intending her ye said Elizabeth in her good
name to blemish, and ye people wth whome shee used to converse from her Company
to deter & affright and also to hinder her of her imployment by persons credible & whom
shee used sometimes to dwell, and for whome shee used sometimes to work & thereby
gain unto her selfe a decent & necessary support & livelihood did upon ye 6th day of July
Anno Domini 1708 at a certaine place near Neale pone Creek formerly called —
& yet knowne by ye name of Haywoods plantation in Kent County aforesd within the
Jurisdiction of this Court in ye dead time of ye night of ye same day. Shee the said —
Elizabeth being there in bed labouring her naturall Rest and in ye peace of
our Lord & Prince violently & furiously ye aforesd dwelling house being close &
open & publick and publickly falsely & maliciously in ye presence & hearing of severall
of her Majesties liege people then & there present did speake & to a loud voyce
utter these false feigned & scandalous English words following vizt this old Bitch
meaning the said Elizabeth, is a Witch & and ye said Mary separately said vizt, —
this old Bitch, meaning ye said Elizabeth is a witch, and I do swear it, this hath
taken away my health from me which said scandalous false & opprobrious words
then there and thus spoken and also sev^ll other words before that time & on
ye year of our Lord God 1707 at Kent County aforesd within the Jurisdiction aforesd on
manner aforesd vizt falsely & maliciously in ye presence & hearing of Divers
others of her Majesties good subjects spoken of ye said Elizabeth by the said Mary
vizt Elizabeth Brown hath bewitched my Cow & have provokeley bespattered, vizt
much impaired & exceedingly injured the Reputation of ye said Elizabeth —
And if true would bring her in danger of loseing her life by an ignominious
death Whereupon shee sayth shee is worse & damage hath to ye value of Forty
thousand pounds of Tobacco and of this shee brings Suit &c Philipson pro quer —
pledges &c Jn Doe Richd Roe and prays that the Defendants to this Declaration
may answer —

Not guilty & pattrans Earle Deft —

And the ffollows says they are guilty Philipson pro Quer —

Whereupon Command was given to ye Sheriff of Kent County that he
immediately cause to come here twelve &c by whome &c to recognize &c because
as well &c and ye Sheriff makes returne that he has here ready twelve &c as by
this precept it was Commanded vizt George Browning John Woodall Edward Morris Francis
Mecks William Cox Arthur Foreman Richard Davis John Blackiston Robert
Mosby Thomas Gunn Edward Carrel James Smith Which Jury being duly tryed &
sworne & haveing heard the pleadings Evidences and Allegations on both sides
the Court gives them there Charge who withdraw to consider on the premises

The Court adjourns till to morrow Morning Eight of ye Clock

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