

our, and other good, judicious and eminent parts, and suitable Qualifications:
 hath lately been Commissioned to Serve her Majesty and people in this
 her Government not only as a Captain of Foot in Military affairs, but
 also in Civil or in the Office of Justice of Peace for the County of Staff
 in this Province as it stood fully undivided - And Whereas the said
 William before the Division of the said County, and during his Authority
 and Power as Justice of the Peace there viz: in the years of our Lord -
 1706 and 1707 Did use the utmost of his Endeavours to reconcile Neighbours
 within his Jurisdiction and to suppress vexatious and unnecessary Law Suits
 So far as he could or ought in a Legal and due Admition of Justice And that
 then and there a certain Difference happened between a certain Woman
 Named Joan the wife of William Drewery and the said Mary wife of
 Anthony Knowlman abovesaid both being Inhabitants of the said County
 And Neighbours to him the said William and to each other there Which
 said Matter of Difference being duly and Regularly brought, discussed &
 fairly upon Tryal before him as Justice of the Peace of the said County he Endeavored
 to terminate and put an End to, or otherwise act therein according to
 his Discretion or ^{to the} Due regard to Order and Direction of Law and
 his own limited Power and Authority

And Whereas in the very Structure of Time of the said Tryal
 the said Mary being then Complainant against the said Joan upon
 some Complaints and Satisfaction then given to her the said Mary
 by the said Joan which was partially by the said Mary unto him the said
 William voluntarily acknowledged the the said Mary from further
 Examination of the said Controversy and suing therein did cause the
 said William to Surrease - - And Whereas afterwards upon Re-
 view of the said Difference in the said County Court by the said Mary ag-
 the said Joan, the said William having been Justice of Peace as
 aforesaid, and thereby as aforesaid well apprized of the said Matter or Cause,
 was obliged and did go into the said County Court and there Im-
 partially declare and upon Tryal certify the manner and form,
 truth & Certainty, of the final Determination and Agreement
 of the said Difference before him in manner above recited and did
 thereby fully over throw all proceeding therein the party and
 Justice of the Law not admitting of two Satisfaction for one And
 the same Debt or Damage - Yet the said Mary being un-
 ignorant of the Integrity and singular Justice of him the said
 William in some of the Summs and Transactions abovesaid -
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