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But out of her meer and evil Malice and private hatred evil Dispo-
 sition, and Implacable Envious Spirit Subtle Contrivance and Rending
 Doings to hurt, detest, Darken, Blast and utterly to destroy the good
 name Name, Reputation, Credit and Dignity of him the said William
 And to bring him into Contempt, trouble, vexation, Scandal utter
 Infamy and Disgrace And to render him as a Partial Administrator
 of Justice and Disposer of Causes did openly and publicly in the
 Presence and hearing of James Hukes one of the Inhabitants of the
 County and divers other of his Majesty's large people. To wit, times
 afterwards at Kent County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court viz
 in this present year of our Lord 1707. Say repeat a firm publick and
 pronounced diverse false and scandalous words against the said William
 Potts and particularly these following upon a communication, about
 the said Queen tried in the said County Court of Trial. To wit, that he had not
 been for Potts (meaning the said William Potts) having a false Oath (meaning
 the Oath of the said Joan in the said County Court of Trial) by reason of
 the saying and pronouncing of which said false and scandalous words,
 and many others to the same effect or perhaps more plain positive and
 scandalous the same William Potts in his good name, Name, Credit Dignity
 and Reputation, and also in his Impartiality and Integrity in a due
 Administration of Justice when thereunto required and duly questioned
 is exceedingly lifted and suspected and therein damaged and hurt
 as well amongst vulgar and Injurious Subjects of the said Majesty
 as others her Majesty's Officers in this Province and Government And
 many others Gentlemen and factious seditious people with whom he
 the said William Potts uses to converse to the Damage of him the said
 William Potts of nine thousand pounds of Tobacco and of this he
 brings full Evidence

The Witness pro quer. [Signature]

Anthony Knowlman And the said Defendant by Richard Hunter his Attorney James
 at William Potts and defend. the force and Injury when he and pray
 Judgment of the said Court his action against him beingly for
 the words of Mary his wife ought to have and maintain. because the said Mary
 his wife was not attached to answer unto the aforesaid writ of a plea of Trespass
 the Case for the words supposed by the aforesaid writ in his Deed aforesaid to be spoken
 by the aforesaid Mary against the aforesaid writ as in his Deed aforesaid he hath set
 forth and that the aforesaid Defendant is ready to verify whereupon he
 prays Judgment as aforesaid, and that the aforesaid writ from having his
 action aforesaid against him may be Debarred &c

Hunter pro Defendant [Signature]