

These a^d Attorneys And the said Reasons in Stay of Judgment are read as follow viz
 And the said Defts in their a^d Capacity by Michael Carter their Att^y for reason
 in Stay of Judgment saith that the Verdict of the Jury who were impannelled & Sworn to try the
 fact between the said Plts & Defts did not deliv in their verdict in form of Law as they
 Ought and therefore they the said Defts pray that Judgment may be Stayed &c
 Charles Defts

And y^e said Plts in their a^d capacity by their a^d Attorney say that the
 Defts Answer Called Reasons in Stay of Judgment & Matter therein contained is not suff^t
 in Law to stay or further delay the said Plts from having Judgment upon their said
 verdict And that they to their Answer by the said Defts Called Reasons in manner & form
 a^d made have no need nor by the Law of the Land are obliged to Answer this
 they are ready to discharge themselves for want of sufficient Reasons or other sufficient
 Answer to y^e contrary the Plts pray that Justice may be no long delayed but that they
 may have Judgment upon their Verdict a^d according to due Course of Law &c
 Causes of Demand

1st The Answer is all detestable nonsense for it supposes that there are Defts in this
 Action w^{ch} word (Defts) is y^e plural number & that these Defts sayth w^{ch} word sayth is the
 Singular and therefore odious & absurd nonsense

2^{dy} After the word (sayth) in this answer is contained these words viz the verdict of
 the Jury who were impannelled & Sworn to try the fact between the said Plts & Defts did
 not deliv in their Verdict in form of Law as they ought &c now for such a thing as the
 verdict of a Jury &c to deliv in a verdict is such profound nonsense as never was heard
 of - And it clear that the Verdict & Jury are to be understood as expressed viz
 Casually because they are said to deliv in their verdict only they did not do it
 in form of Law as they ought

3^{dy} If it were possible that a verdict & Jury could give in y^e verdict in form of
 Law any way yet the Statute of Jeofails helps form for generally a^d their verdict
 that without a particular defect in form ^{it} is not void by these con-
 fused general & nonsensical words of the Defts the Plts cannot be prepared to give a
 direct Answer nor even the C^{rt} it self Judge by these dark negative pregnant words -
 Whether y^e forms be good or bad - And its too late now in C^{rt} to assigne wherein
 the forms is defective

4^{thly} It is not a verdict what manner of verdict this was - And its a rule in Law that such
 precise forms are not required by Law in some verdicts which are found be ^{to} be taken as
 in pleading^{ch} w^{ch} are made by men learned in the Law & therefore Indiscreet in
 many C^{ts} shall help a verdict but whether the word shall help or not is very
 dubious

5^{thly} Its another Rule in Law that the Law compells no man to impossibilities & it is
 impossible to give a direct answer before we know what to

6^{thly} From the above said as there is nothing filed for the Plts to Answer to for w^{ch}
 hope Justice will be no long delayed upon suggestion that the Defts have
 some thing to say for that may be ad Infinitum and too great Indulgence
 &c