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afterst person of this Lordships the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary province of Maryland and
as such from the time of his Nativity hitherto hath behaved and demeaned herself by reason where-
of she hath deservedly had & obtained the love good will and affection of all her Neighbours and
Other Inhabitants of this province to whom she is acquainted and known and without any favour or
-tion adultery or any such wicked and base crime and without any the least suspicion of the same
hath hitherto kept and preserved herself free clear and unattainted Nevertheless the said George
being not ignorant of the premises but Envyng the happy Estate and Condition of the said Sarah
Maliciously plotting and fraudulently Intending the said Sarah not only with great trouble and
Expense to bring but also Innocently to cause her to be brought into danger of forfeiting Six
hundred pounds of tobacco or suffering Corporal punishment the day of November and
One thousand seven hundred and twenty three at Stequoy Parish in the County of Somersett aforesaid
the Jurisdiction of this Court these false feigned Infamous Scandalous and Opprobrious words
following of her the said Sarah having Communication and Speech concerning her the said Sarah
falsely and Maliciously did aforesaid rehearse Cause to publish aforesaid and speak with an
Audible Voice vizt (meaning himself the said George) have layin with Sarah White often or
Several times and the said George then being askt by aforesaid William White what he meant
by so saying did further Maliciously and falsely then and there speak and aforesaid the word
following (by God I have fuckt her which words are as much as if he had said I have had carnal
Knowledge of the Body of the said Sarah White and are so generally understood by acceptance of
all persons by reason of the speaking affirming publishing and declaring of which false Infa-
-mous Scandalous and Opprobrious words the said Sarah not only with her good Name fame and
Estimation and reputation is very much hurt but also spending Sum of money and tobacco for
vindication of her Character is forced to expend Whereupon the said Sarah saith she is worse
and hath damage to the Value of fifty pounds Current money of Maryland and thereupon she brings
Suit to

Whereupon the said George Gurley in his own proper person appears and thereupon the
said George Gurley at the request of the said ^{Crosby} is adjudge to give special Bail to the
action aforesaid but for want thereof the said George Gurley is committed into the custody of the Sheriff of
Somerset County thence to be removed the said Sheriff present here in Court took Charge of the said
George Gurley accordingly & thereupon day is given unto the said George Gurley in custody of
himself next Court. and the same day is given to the said George Gurley also

At which said Court to wit the day of June and One thousand seven hundred
and twenty three four Cases againe as were the said ^{Crosby} by her ^{attorney} as the said George Gurley
in custody as aforesaid by George Dashiell his attorney, and the said George Gurley in custody as aforesaid by his
said attorney say that he cannot gain say the said action aforesaid so as aforesaid here brought
nor can he say but that the said ^{Crosby} ought to recover her damages by reason of the premises
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