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gained to herself. Nevertheless the said Margarette not being Ignorant of the premises greatly Envy-
ing the happiness and good State of the said Mary and Maliciously plotting her the said Mary not
only in her good name and fame to blacken and make worse but also to cause her Innocently to be
brought into danger of forfeiting of thirty shillings or six hundred pounds of tobacco, or suffering
for greater punishment as the Law in such cases directs the birthday of February and Dowd. One thou-
sand Seven hundred and twenty three at the parish and County of within the Jurisdiction of this
Court these false and scandalous words in the presence and hearing of sundry Subjects and Liege
people of Our said Lord the King openly and publicly after the said Mary maliciously did say
publish and pronounce in these words following viz. Mary Broughton (meaning her the said
Mary) is a whore for half thousand of pinnis, and George Darnley say it; and the said Margarette
Maliciously plotting and intending the said Mary further to disturb and molest and to be brought
into danger as aforesaid on the twenty ninth day of June and Dowd. One thousand Seven hundred & twenty four
at the parish and County of within the Jurisdiction of these other false and scandalous
words to the said Mary having communication and speech with her the said Mary in the presence &
hearing of sundry Subjects and Liege people of Our said Lord the King to and after the said Mary Mali-
ciously did say publish and pronounce viz. you speaking to and meaning her the said Mary
are a whore and John Duncans whore and I (meaning herself the said Margarette) will prove it
and you (the said Mary again meaning) say with John Duncan for thousand of pinnis which
said false and scandalous words in the common acceptance and understanding of all people bear of
following construction and meaning as if the said Margarette had said of the said Mary, was a whore
and ^{had} prostituted herself and suffered the said John Duncan to have carnal knowledge of her
body for half thousand or thousand of pinnis by reason of that speaking publishing and
affirming and declaring of which false and scandalous words the said Mary not only in her good name
fame credit and reputation is very much hurt but also is in danger of losing the favour and good
will of her Neighbours and others and sundry sums of money and tobacco for clearing her Innocency
in that point forced to expound and lay out whereupon the said Mary saith she is worse and
half damage to the value of forty pounds (viz. money of manyland and there of the King's Suite &c
filled with) George Darnley & Doe Roe --

And the said Aaron Jorden and Margarette his wife by George Darnley their attorney come and
defend of force and injury when &c. and pray leave to dispute here unto while the next Court
and they have it and the same day given to the next also

At which said next Court to wit the seventeenth day of November and Dowd. One thousand
Seven hundred & twenty four came again as were the said Mary Broughton by Brice Broughton
her Eschequer attorney at the said Aaron Jorden and Mary's wife by their attorney aforesaid and the same
(attorney)