

Agree Court. — 1723. ... (38)

And whereas the said Thomas and Mary by Francis Allen their attorney Complain for that whereas the  
the said Mary is good true honest and chaste person and a faithful Subject of Our Lord the King that Now is —  
and as such from the time of her Nativity hitherto hath behaved and demeaned herself by reason whereof  
of she hath always deserved had and obtained the Love favour and good will of all her Neighbours &  
Other faithful Lige Subjects of Our Lord King in this County and Else where with whom she was —  
acquainted and known and kept and preserved her good Name fame Credit Estimation and Repute  
free (Bar and wholly unblemished from all kind of dishonesty fornication adultery or any such evil wicked  
and base Crime Nevertheless the said William being not ignorant of the Condition but Envying the  
happy Estate and Condition of the said Mary Maliciously Clanking and Contriving for the said Mary into  
the hatred and Evil Opinion of her Neighbours and Other faithful Subjects of Our said Lord the King  
to Induce and bring and to Cause her thereby to be had in Contempt and derision amongst them to whom  
her Journey in that Court was unknown but also thereby to Cause Irreconcilable hatred and discord  
to arise between the said Mary and the said Thomas her husband the twenty sixth day of July Anno Domini  
One thousand Seven hundred and twenty two at Stogney Parish in the County of Suffolk  
within the Jurisdiction of this Court these false Infamous Scandalous and opprobrious words and Syle,  
of the said Mary having Speech and Communication with the said Mary in the Presence of the said  
Thomas her husband of her the said Mary and in the Presence and hearing of sundry faithful  
Lige Subjects of Our Lord the King that Now with an audible voice did Maliciously pronounce  
Publish affirm declare and speak out. you speaking and meaning the said Mary had a bastard  
Child before you was Married meaning before she was Married to the said Thomas her now husband  
John Smith got it you went to your Sister Elizabeth Capper to be delivered and the Child in there  
Living Child (the said supposed bastard Child meaning) by reason of the Malicious speaking Publishing  
and affirming of which false Infamous Scandalous and opprobrious words and Syles the said Mary  
not only in her good name fame Credit Estimation and Repute is very much hurt but also the said  
Thomas sundry times of late for the Slandering of the said Mary his wife in that Court is forced to  
Engage whosoever they say they are worse and have Damage to the value of five thousand pounds  
of tobacco and thereupon they bring Suits & — Allow *Edw. Cledg. J. J. D. R.*

And the said Wm. Brewster by George Dashwell his attorney Comor and defend the force and injury  
whereof and Crays Leave to his party to come into the next Court and to plead it and the same  
day is given to the Court also —

At which said next Court with the Nineteenth day of March. And  
Down One thousand Seven hundred and twenty two Comor again as well the said Court by their attorney  
as the said Dofh by his attorney as before and thereupon the Court adjourns until the next Tuesday  
in August next being the thirtieth day of the same month and Down One thousand Seven hundred

(and)