

August Court 1726
Beleved & governed himselfe of good Name fame Credit & Estimation as well among his
neighbours as all other faithfull Subjects of our Lord King by all of time and hath been Esteem-
ed accounted & reputed & from all treason felony Theft or such like wicked Base Crime & from
the Procuring or abetting such like Wickednes or of same in any manner whatsoever hold
or suspected by the whole Course of his Life better to free Clear & wholly unsuspected hath
abstained himselfe & Continued by reason whereof Mr. Richd. obtained of favour & good will

not only of his neighbours but of all other faithfull Subjects of our Lord King to whom he
was known never the less the said Mr. not Ignorant of & Crimines but entering the happy
State & Condition of the same Richard & maliciously Intending not only to ruin the good name
fame Credit & reputation of Mr. Richd. & him into Hatred & Contempt among his neighbours
to cast out also to bring Mr. Richd. in manifest Danger of losing his Life the twelfth day of May
and did one thousand seven hundred & twenty at d. County and within d. Jur. of this Court

these false feigned scandalous & reprobusious words & sayes following then & there having
Speech & Communion w. a certain Matthew Waller a son of Mr. Richd. Waller husband
the Body of his wife Lawfully begotten in presence & hearing of a certain Lewis Jones

did say again & Declare w. a high voice publick bid. your (said Matthew speaking to and
meaning) further (the said Richard speaking of & meaning) is a hogg Stealer & (the same
Mr. speaking of & meaning) will prove it whereas in truth the said Mr. Richd. never any Treason
felony Theft or any such like wicked or Base Crime ever committed or perpetrated by speak-
ing Publishing & uttering of w. false feigned scandalous & reprobusious words & sayes of
Richard Is not only very much Hurt & Damified in his good Name fame Credit and
Estimation but is brought the Duvent in Danger of being whipt & Pillor'd & forfeiting his
Charters where by of same Richd. says he is worse & hath Damage to d. value of Sixty pounds
Current Money and there of he brings this Suite w. Costs of 100 shillings & 6 pence

And the said William Roberts by George Dashiell his attorney Comes and defends the
force and Injury when the said and prays leave to Imparle here unto untill the Next Court and
he hath it and the same day is given to the said Mr. Richd. also

At which said Next Court to witt the twenty first day of June and did one thousand
seven hundred and twenty six came again as well the said Richard Waller as the said William Roberts
by their attorneys and the same William Roberts by his said attorney, prays further leave
to Imparle hereunto untill the next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Mr. Richd.
also

At which said Next Court to witt the sixteenth day of August. and did one thous-
and seven hundred & twenty six came again as well the said Mr. Richd. Waller as the said Mr.
Roberts by their attorneys and the same Mr. Roberts by his said attorney as before
defends the force & Injury when the said and says that he is not guilty of the crimes
above Imposed upon him in manner & form as d. Plt. ag. him hath Complain'd & of
(this)