Mentioned Came and demanded Iudgm.t that he ought to have & by his writt of Capias ad Respondendum to them directed Commanded the Sheriff of Somersett that he should Cause to come before his Majesties Justices at the Court House in Somersett County on the first Tuesday in June then next Ensuing the Date thereof Twelve good & Lawfull men of the Body of the County aforesaid by which the Truth of the matter might be the better known & Inquired into & the Same Twelve good & Lawfull men Should Come before the Said Justices at the Court House aforesaid on the Said first Tuesday in June then next Ensuing the Date thereof to Make Recognition of the Assize between the Said Philip Covington Plaintiff & the Said Noble Hobs Defendant of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case & Damages to the Value of Ten pounds Sterling Money of Great Britain as in the Said writt is more fully Contained & by the Said Precept he was Commanded & Now here afterwards to wit the Same day & Year Came as well the Said Philip as the Said Defendt by their Attorneys Afsd, and the Jurors of that Jury thereof Impannelled being Called Likewise Came to wit Merrick Ellis, John Dennis Senr, John Flemmig, Robert Mitchel, Robert Miles, Thomas Leake, Robert Collier, John Townsend Senr, John Fulle, William Bratton, Joseph Houston, & Thomas Collins who being duely Elected Tryed and Sworn to Say the truth of the premisses upon their Oath do say that the Said Eliz.a Hobs wife of the Said Noble Hobs is Guilty of Speaking the Scandelous words Afsd, of the Said Philip Covington as he above against her hath Complained, and do Assess the damages of the Said Philip, by occasion of the Speaking of the words Afsd, besides his Costs and Charges by him about his Suite in that part Expended to five pounds Current money, and for their Costs and Charges to One pound of Tob.o

Therefore it is Considered by the Court here the fifteenth day of June and Anno Dom.i One thousand Seven hundred Twenty five Afsd that the Said Philip Covington Recover against the Said Noble Hobs and Elizabeth his wife as well the Sum of five pounds Curr.t money & One pound of Tob.o his damages (341) Afsd by the Jurors Afsd in form Afsd Assessed as also the Sum of Eight hundred & forty One ——— pounds of Tob.o to the same Plaint.ff at his Request for his Costs and Charges Afsd by the Court here of Increase adjudged & the Said Defendt in Mercy &c.

Pl.ff Ann Covington
Deft Love Hobs

Somersett ss: Love Hobbs late of Somersett County Squire was attached to Answer unto Ann Covington of a Plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. ———

And whereupon the Same Ann Covington by Leonil Gale her Next Friend who is Admitted by the Court here to Prosecute for her She being within the age of Twenty One Years Complaines that where as the said Ann a good true and Chast Subject of Our Lord the King Now is and at a good true Chast pious and honest Virgin from the time of her Nativity hitherto hath always Governed and behaved herself and of good name fame Condition Credit Conversation and Reputac.on as well by All her Neighbours as All Other good people to whom She was Known hath been accounted Esteemed and Reputed and Never any fornication adultery Incontinency or any Such wicked & base Crime Committed or perpetrated and from all Note Spott or Suspition of any Such Crime by the whole Course of her Life Hitherto hath Remained Lived and Continued by means whereof the Said Ann Covington Hath Obtained the Love favour and Good will of All her Neighbours and Other Good People of this Province Nevertheless the Said Love Hobbs not Ignorant of the Premisses But Envying the Happy Estate and Condition of the Same Ann and Maliciously Intending the Said Ann of her Good Name fame Credit Estimation and Reputac.on Afsd to Deprive and Also into Danger Injuriously of Paying Six hundred pounds of Tobacco Thirty Shillings Or Being Obliged the fifth day of March Seventeen Hundred and Twenty four at the County Afsd within the Jurisdiction of this Court