

June Court — 1725

Court These false feigned scandalous and reprobrious words and Syes following then and there having speech with divers worthy persons of this Province openly and publicly and with a Loud voice did say affirm and declare vizt: I (the said Loe meaning herselfe) say that Ann Comington ^{Sarah Comington} and Mary Comington (the said Ann & Two other Sisters meaning are three Negroes whose names are not known) and I (the said Loe again speaking of and meaning herselfe) say that Phillip Comington Negro Theodore Scrigley them as often as he pleases whereas In truth the said Ann never committed or perpetrated any fornication Adultery Drury Sulk Likewitied and Base Crime by reason of the speaking and Publishing of which scandalous and reprobrious words and Syes the said Ann is not only extremely Hurt and Damified in her good Name fame Credit and Reputation as amongst Her Neighbours and other worthy persons of this Province to whom she was known But also is brought in Danger Inevitably of Paying Six hundred pounds of Tobacco Thirty Shillings Or Being whiped whereby the said Ann says she is worse and hath Damage to the Value of fifty pounds Current money and Thereof she brings this Suite & — with this that the said Ann will Verifie that these words to wit (that Phillip Comington Negro Theodore Scrigley them as often as he pleases according the Phrase Intelligence and Common Usage Acceptation of the People Dwelling in Somerset County aforesaid signify as much and are equivalent to these words (that is to say) that Phillip Comington Negro Theodore has carnal Knowledge of them as often as he pleases

Leon Gale of the Quod Bledges or 20 Doves

And the said Loe for George Dashiell her attorney comes and defends the fame and Injury whereunto and Prayers Seeks to Impartle Her name to print the said Court and she hath it and the said Dashiell given to the said Court

And the said Court to wit the 1st day of June and Done one thousand Seven hundred and Twenty five (and again as well the said Ann Comington as the said Loe Hobbs by their attorneys aforesaid and the said Loe Hobbs by her said Attorney as before aforesaid of force and injury ^{wherein} that she is not guilty of the Crimes Imposed on her in Manner and forms as the said Ann against her hath complained and of this she puts herselfe upon the Country

Dashiell of the Quod in Somerset County

Thereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that Immediately he cause to come here Twelve ^{by whom} who either do To recognize ^{because} of which said Breach the said Sheriff to wit Joseph M. G. Gent. Now here at this day to wit the 1st day and year Last mentioned came and made returne that he had here ready twelve ^{as by his said} Breach he was commanded and Now here afterwards to wit the 1st day and year last mentioned as well the said Plaintiff as the said Defendant by their attorneys aforesaid and the Jurors for that they therein Impaneled

(Being)