

The said John Norton by reason of the Speaking a parting Publishing and Declaring of  
whiche false Malicious Infamous Scandalous & opprobrious words therward John Hudson  
not only in his good name faine Credit and Estimation afft is much hurt and Damaged But  
But also sundry sumes of money and Debts for Clearing up his Innocency in that ffle is  
bound to payd Whereupon he saith he is worse and Damages both to the Value of  
forty pounds Lawfull money of America or and Thereupon he brings unto vs —  
francis Allen of Deptford dopt 20th June

And the afof John Norton by George Dashell his attorney come and defendant to —  
suing and trying when & And Prays leave to Imparte hereon to the Next Court and he  
Hath it and the same Day is given to the afof John Hudson also — All which  
said Next Court to with the fifteenth day of June Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and  
Twenty four Comd again as well the afof John Hudson as the afof John Norton by their attorneys  
affd and the said John Norton by his said attorney as befored offendeth the suitor and trying  
when & And that he is worthy of the Crown for Above Imposed Culps in manner  
and forme as the Elft against him hath declared and for of this he putt himself up  
the Country — Dashell of Doff and the Elft in like manner Allen of Dept —

Thereupon command is given to the shire of Somerset County that I immediately  
to cause to come here twelve & by whom & who will then be recognized & because as afof  
ff of which said Except the said Plaintiff with Joseph M. Foster gentl now hereall this day  
to with the same day and year last mentioned came and made Returns that he had  
Ready twelve & as by his said Except he was command and now hereafterwards to with  
the same day and year same agreed as with the said Elft as the afof Doff by his attorney afof  
and the Juries of that Jury thereon Impannelled being called & sworn to with Mervyn  
Ellis, John Fleming, Robert Mitchell, Robert M. Ross, Thomas Peale, Robert Collier, John  
Townsend said John Tute, William Bratten, Joseph Mansfield, Thomas Collier, Charles Towne  
who Being duly sworn Swayed and Sworn to say the truth in the Crown for and after the same  
same Jurors were by the Court charged concerning their verdict, and from the Bar here to com  
together amongst themselves of and concerning their verdict, afof, In the Crown for afof do  
Reidd and thereof amongst themselves being fully agreed, came again to the Bar to give in their  
Verdict — But the afof John Hudson and others solemnly called (and not nor or the with  
above said further proceeded against the afof John Norton —

Therefore It is considered by the Court the fifteenth day of June Anno Domini One  
(Signed)