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L^d. Philip Taylor - Somerset^{sh}.

John Denton late of Somerset County planter was
attached to answer unto Philip Taylor of a plea of the fact upon the fact

And whereupon the same Philip by Lewis Hale his attorney complains that
whereas he the said Philip a good true and faithful and honest loyal subject of our Lord
the King now is and as such from the time of his Nativity hath always himself behaved
and governed and of good name fame credit and Repute as well amongst all his neigh-
bours with whom he hath so lived and continued as other faithful subjects of our Lord
the King to whom he was known is and never any felony Theft murder or other wicked or
base crime ever committed or perpetrated, but free from all note and suspicion thereof hath
by the whole space of by prelate of whereof he gained much good will amongst all his
neighbours and other faithful subjects of our Lord the King to whom he was known never-
theless he the said John not ignorant of the premises but plotting and scoundrelously intending
the same Philip not only in his good name fame and credit aforesaid to hurt but also
the said Philip innocently in danger of being whipt and pilloried and forfeiting his goods
and chattels the tenth day of March and Dow One thousand seven hundred and twenty seven
at Somerset County within the Jurisdiction of this Court these false feigned scandalous and
approbrious words and sayes following in presence and hearing of Divers faithful
subjects of our Lord the King of the said Philip did speak publish and utter with a high
voice vid. Philip Taylor the aforesaid Philip speaking of and meaning stole an unmarked
hogg off League Dunahoes, whereas in truth, the said Philip never any felony Theft or
other such wicked or base crime ever committed or perpetrated by Reason of speaking
of which false feigned scandalous and approbrious words and sayes the said Philip is not
only much hurt and damaged in his good name fame credit and Reputation but also brought
into danger of being whipt and pilloried and forfeiting his goods and chattels whereby
the same Philip says he is worse and hath damage to the value of forty pounds current
money of Maryland and thereof he brings this shute &c -

And the said John Denton by George Darhick his attorney comes and defends the
force and injury when &c and prays leave to dispute hereunto until the next Court and he
hath it and the same day is given the ap^{pl} here also &c -

At which said next Court to wit the nineteenth day of November and Dow One
thousand seven hundred and twenty eight came again as well the aforesaid Philip Taylor as
the ap^{pl} John Denton by their attorneys ap^{pl}, and the ap^{pl} John Denton by his said attorney
prays further leave to dispute hereunto until the next Court and he hath it and the
same day is given to the ap^{pl} Elph here also &c -

At which said next Court to wit the eighteenth day of March and Dow One thousand
seven hundred and twenty eight came again as well the ap^{pl} Philip Taylor as the aforesaid
John Denton by their attorneys ap^{pl}, and whereupon the said John Denton by his said attorney
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