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Job being not ignorant of y<sup>e</sup> injuries but Maliciously plotting & contriving him of said Ste-  
 :phen in his Good Name fame creditt & repute and to hurt Detract & Make worse him of said  
 Stephen into Scandall & Infamy amongst his Neighbours & Others to bring also to  
 Cause him innocently to be Brought in Danger of paying four fold & being whipt & pilloried  
 as y<sup>e</sup> Law in such Cases directs y<sup>e</sup> thirteenth day of July Ann: Dom: One thousand seven  
 Hundred & twenty eight at y<sup>e</sup> City of Southwell and within y<sup>e</sup> Jur: of this Co: having  
 Communication & Speech with sundry faithfull Subjects of our Lord y<sup>e</sup> King concerning  
 Making search for Lark which he y<sup>e</sup> said Job: then there asserted to be stolen from  
 him falsely & Maliciously did assert & speak these false Malitious & Infamous words  
 following in their presents & hearing of him the said Stephen viz: I himselfe y<sup>e</sup> said  
 Job meaning may search where I please but no Body but I: Dear y<sup>e</sup> Brother  
 Stephen meaning him y<sup>e</sup> said Stephen Dear have I got my Lark also y<sup>e</sup> Day and  
 Year at y<sup>e</sup> place and after search made these other false Infamous Malitious  
 words following Maliciously of him y<sup>e</sup> said Stephen did further pronounce and  
 speak in the presence & hearing of sundry faithfull Seign Subjects of our  
 Lord y<sup>e</sup> King having speech & communication concerning the stolen Lark as alleged  
 the said Stephen (that I himselfe y<sup>e</sup> said Job: meaning know how to have been  
 y<sup>e</sup> said Branch meaning the said Branch by y<sup>e</sup> said Stephens Estimation) may  
 be I should have found it (the stolen Lark) Meaning when as in truth y<sup>e</sup> said  
 Stephen no such wicked & base Crime ever committed or perpetrated by pretext of y<sup>e</sup>  
 speaking of which false Infamous Malitious & Scandalous words y<sup>e</sup> said Stephen  
 not only in his Good Name fame creditt Estimation & repute and is very much hurt  
 but also sundry times of to b: for vindicating his Subseqy in this part is forced  
 to Expand whereupon he saith he is worse & hath Dam: to y<sup>e</sup> value of fifty li-  
 gents Court Money of Maryland & thereupon he brings Suite & Ann: y<sup>e</sup> said  
 Stephen will bezie that y<sup>e</sup> words and are of y<sup>e</sup> same purport are so understood  
 amongst his Neighbours as if he had said I: Dear y<sup>e</sup> Stephen Dear have  
 I stole my Lark: — Fran: Allen of Quer Bledges & I Doe Affoe

And the said Job: Sherry by Lewis Gale his attly Counsel & Defends the  
 force & Injury when y<sup>e</sup> Ann: pray leave to support hereunto untill y<sup>e</sup> next  
 Court he hath it y<sup>e</sup> same Day is given to y<sup>e</sup> said Court here also

At which said next Court to witt the eighteenth day of March Ann: Dom: One  
 thousand seven hundred and twenty eight came again as were the said Stephen Dear & the said Job:  
 Sherry by their attorney & and the said Job: by his said attorney pray further leave to sup-  
 port hereunto untill the next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given to the said Court  
 here also &c.

All which said next Court to witt the seventeenth day of June Ann:  
 Dom: One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine came again as were the said Stephen  
 Dear & the said Job: Sherry by their attorney &c. and the said Job: by his said attorney  
 as before Defends the force and Injury when y<sup>e</sup> and saith that he is not guilty of the  
 premises above upon Impured in manner and form as the said Stephen above  
 against