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that whereas the said Rob<sup>t</sup> is a good true faithfull and Honest Seige Subject of our Lord the King that uow is as such from y<sup>e</sup> time of his Nativity hitherto hath Behaved himselfe from all kind of Theft Larceny Felony or any such Wicked Base Crime or any Blott or Suspection of the same from y<sup>e</sup> time of his Nativity hitherto free & untroubled untoucht & unsuspected hath lived Behaved held & Governed Himselfe of good Name fame Credit & Estimation by the whole time a<sup>d</sup> was held & reputed Nevertheless the said W<sup>m</sup> being not ignorant of the same but having the happy State of Condition of y<sup>e</sup> said Rob<sup>t</sup> Maliciously plotting & Intending him the said Robert in his good Name fame Credit & Estimation a<sup>d</sup> to hurt & Detract him y<sup>e</sup> said Rob<sup>t</sup> into Trouble Vexation & Infamy y<sup>e</sup> to Judice & to cause him y<sup>e</sup> said Rob<sup>t</sup> innocently to be Brought into Danger of forfeiting four fold suffering Corporal Punishment & y<sup>e</sup> Billory as y<sup>e</sup> Law in such Cases Directs y<sup>e</sup> twenty six day of November Anno Dom<sup>o</sup> one thousand Seven hundred & twenty six at the Barish of Cot<sup>ts</sup> within y<sup>e</sup> Jurisdiction of this Court having Communication & Speech with W<sup>m</sup> him y<sup>e</sup> said Robert in presents & Hearing of sundry faithfull Seige Subjects of our Lord y<sup>e</sup> King these false feigned & Infamous Scandalous Malicious & grobian words & Jew with an Audible voice to y<sup>e</sup> effect y<sup>e</sup> said Rob<sup>t</sup> Maliciously did pronounce a<sup>d</sup> to beare Publish & speak viz<sup>t</sup> you speaking of W<sup>m</sup> meaning the a<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> was a David Hogg stealing some of a bitch for he stole two Hogs & he the same W<sup>m</sup> Hayman himselfe meaning would prove itt by Reason of speaking a<sup>d</sup> venting Publishing & Declaring of which false Malicious Infamous Scandalous & grobian words y<sup>e</sup> said W<sup>m</sup> not only in his good Name fame Credit & Estimation a<sup>d</sup> is Much hurt & Damified but also sundry Sums of Money the Job<sup>r</sup> for clearing up his Innocency in y<sup>e</sup> part is forced to depend where upon he saith he is worse & hath Damage to the value of fifty pounds Curr<sup>t</sup> Money of Marylande thereupon he brings Suite - - - Dashiell ff Ruld Bledge Judoe Richard Ke

And the a<sup>d</sup> William Hayman by Levin Gale his attorney Comes and defends the force & Injury when W<sup>m</sup> and sp<sup>ea</sup>cy Leave to Jurgate here into until the next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given unto the a<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> here also W<sup>m</sup>

At which said next Court to witt the twelfth day of June and Dow. One thousand Seven hundred and twenty seven Came againe as well the a<sup>d</sup> Robert Adams as the a<sup>d</sup> William Hayman by their attorneys a<sup>d</sup> and the a<sup>d</sup> William Hayman by his said attorney pray for their Leave to Jurgate here into until the next Court and he hath it and the same Day is given unto the a<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> here also W<sup>m</sup>

At which said Next Court to witt the fifteenth day of August and Dow. One thousand Seven hundred and twenty seven Came againe as well the a<sup>d</sup> Robert Adams as the a<sup>d</sup> William Hayman by their attorneys a<sup>d</sup> and the a<sup>d</sup> William Hayman says that he cannot gainsay the action a<sup>d</sup> nor can he say but that he is guilty of speaking and publishing the words said in the a<sup>d</sup> declaration a<sup>d</sup> and that the said words were false and feigned, and that he had wronged the same a<sup>d</sup> by uttering of y<sup>e</sup> same words

Therefore it is considered by the Court that the a<sup>d</sup> Robert Adams Recover against the a<sup>d</sup> William Hayman his damages a<sup>d</sup> as also the Sum of One thousand five hundred - - - pounds of Job<sup>r</sup> by the Court here adjudged unto the same Job<sup>r</sup> for his Costs and Charge and w<sup>ch</sup> debt in mercy & wherefore a<sup>d</sup> off freely here in Court Required of a<sup>d</sup> debt from a<sup>d</sup> & there y<sup>e</sup> a<sup>d</sup> Debt of a<sup>d</sup> same a<sup>d</sup> to acquit W<sup>m</sup>