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Stephen Gorton. Somerset: Mathew Horca late of Somerset County Plaintiff was attached
by Mathew Horca } to answer unto Stephen Gorton of plea of trespass &c.

And whereas the same Steven for Geo. Darshill his attorney
complaines that whereas the said Steven is a good true faithfull and honest Lige
Subject of Our Lord the King that now is and as such from the time of his Nativity
hitherto hath behaved and demeaned himselfe & from all kind of thes Lawless
fellowship or any such like wicked and base crime or any blot or suggestion of
the same from the time of his Nativity hitherto free and unattainted unblamed and
unsuspected hath lived behaved held and governed himselfe of good Name fame
Estimation and Credit by the whole time as was held and requested & passed Nevertheless
the said Mathew not being ignorant of the premises but knowing the Heavy Estate and
Condition of the same Steven and maliciously plotting and intending him the same
Stephen in his good Name fame Credit and Estimation as to hurt & Detract & him
the same Steven into Trouble vexation and Infamy to induce and cause him the same
Steven innocently to be brought in Danger of forfeiting four fold suffering corporal
punishment and the Pillory as the Law in such Cases Directs the day of August one
thousand seven hundred and twenty six at Stogury Parish in Somerset County &
within the Jur. of this Court in the presence and hearing of sundry faithfull
Lige Subjects of Our Lord the King these false Infamous Scandalous malicious &
aggravated words and Lies with an Audible voice of him the said Steven maliciously
did pronounce assert rehearse publish and speak to wit that Steven Gorton speaking
of and meaning the said Steven was a Rogg Stealing Rogue (and that the said
Mathew meaning the said Mathew Horca himselfe would make a Rogg Stealing Rogue
of him (of him the said Steven Gorton meaning) by reason of the speaking asserting
publishing and declaring of which false malicious Infamous Scandalous aggravated
words and Lies the said Steven not only in his good Name fame Credit & Estimation
as is much hurt and Damaged but also sundry Sums of money & costs for clearing
up his Juorancy in that part is forced to Expence whereupon he sayes he is whole
hath Damages to the value of thirty pounds Curr. Money of Maryland & there-
upon he brings Suite &c. Darshill Robt. Edger & Peter Kullidge

And the said Mathew Horca by Gale his attorney Comor and Defendor the same &
Injury whereof. And prys Leave to discharge hereunto untill the next Court and
he hath it and the same day is given unto the said Robt here also &
Att which said next Court to wit the twentieth day of June 1727 one thousand
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