

August Court  
Seven hundred and twenty seven  
The said Stephen Costen as the said Mathew Horea by their attorneys and  
The said Mathew Horea by his said attorney thereupon prayed further leave to discharge  
hereunto until the next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the said Costen  
also to

At which said next Court to wit the eighteenth day of August  
and one thousand seven hundred and twenty seven came again as well the said Stephen  
Costen as the said Mathew Horea by their attorneys and the said Mathew Horea by his said  
attorney as before defend the force and injury when he said that he is not guilty  
of the promises above upon him imposed in manner and form as the said Stephen  
hath complained and of this he putt himself up on the country and the said  
Like wise - and whereupon the said Stephen Costen his writ and declaration against the  
said Mathew Horea did not procure with effect but voluntarily suffered his suite to be discontinued

Therefore afterwards that same day by direction of the Justice here were adjudged  
307 the said Mathew Horea the sum of three hundred & seven - - - - - pounds.  
of tobacco for his costs and charges by him about his defence in that part sustained according to the form  
of the statute in such case thereof lately made and provided and the said Stephen Costen in Mercy  
and that the said Mathew Horea have thereof Execution

Ed Thomas Breerton  
Lg. The Same  
Soudwell Citys. Mathew Horea late of Soudwell Citys Planter was attached  
to answer unto Tho Breerton of a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c  
And whereupon of same M. Tho. Geo. Dushield his attly complains  
that whereas of same Tho. is a good true faithfull & honest Sige Subject of our Lord King  
that now is as such from y<sup>e</sup> time of his Nativity hitherto hath behaved & demeaned  
himselfe from all kind of Theft Larceny felony or any such wicked Base Crime  
or any Blott or Suspicion of the same from the time of his Nativity hitherto free  
and Quainted & untouched & unsuspected hath lived behaved held Governed himselfe  
of a good Name fame Estimation & Credit by y<sup>e</sup> whole time and was held  
Reputed & Called Nevertheless y<sup>e</sup> same Mathew Benquet Ignorant of the premises  
but knowing the happy Estate & Condition of y<sup>e</sup> said Tho. Maliciously plotting  
& Intending him y<sup>e</sup> same Tho. in his good Name fame Credit & Estimation to hurt &  
Detract him y<sup>e</sup> same Tho. into Trouble vexation & Injury to Justice & to cause him y<sup>e</sup>  
same Tho. innocently to be brought into Danger of forfeiting his lands suffering  
all Punishment & the Billows of Law in such case directed & last day of January  
one thousand seven hundred & twenty six at Steguy in Soudwell Citys within y<sup>e</sup>  
of this Court y<sup>e</sup> same Mathew having Communication & Speech with the Souldiers good  
people of this province Sige Subjects of our Lord King now is these false  
Scandalous Malicious & reprochious words & Lies with an Audible Voice of him  
the same Tho. Maliciously did pronouce a pert rehearse Publish & speak viz  
that Tho. Breerton speaking of & meaning y<sup>e</sup> said Tho. was a hogg stealing dog  
he y<sup>e</sup> same Mathew would make a hogg stealing dog of him y<sup>e</sup> said Tho. meaning by