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Good will not only of her Neighbours but of all other faylefull Subjects of our
Lord the King to whome he was knowne. Nevertheless the said Littleton not
Inquerant of the Premises but Judging the Party Estate & Condition of the
Same Mary & Maliciously Intending not only to Ruine the good Name & fame
Credit & Reputation of the same Mary & her into Hatred & Contempt among her
Neighbours to bring but also to bring the said Mary in Manifest Danger
of being Whipt or paying three d^s or twelve hundred d^s of Tolls the tenth
Day of June Anno. D^r m^r one thousand Seven hundred & twenty five at a
Court within y^e Jur^y of this Court these false feigned & approbis words
Signed following unto a certain Cornelius Rivers ador of the said Rowland upon
the body of y^e said Mary lawfully begotten in presence & hearing of divers faylefull
People of y^e County did speak grounde rehearse & with a high Voice Publisht
bif^t you (the said Cornelius speaking to Meaning) Mother the said Mary
speaking of Meaning is a whore & the said Littleton himselfe speaking
of Meaning can prove it. Whereas in truth y^e same Mary never at no time
felony Burgery Theft for a relation or adultery or any such like wilde
or base Crime ever committed or perpetrated by reason of the taking pub-
lishing & uttering of which false feigned scandalous & approbis words and
y^e same Mary is not only very much Hurt & Damaged in her good Name
fame Credit & estimation but is brought thongh Innocent in danger of being
Whipt or forfeiting three d^s or money or twelve hundred d^s of tolls whereof
the same Rowland & Mary say they are worse & hath done to y^e value of diell
d^s and money thereof they br^t quite — I ha^d no P^rev^rledge I do^t t^rue
And the said Littleton Townsend by George Dashiel his attorney comes and defends his force
and injury where^t — and says that he is not guilty of the premises above Imposed upon
him and off this he putt his selfe upon the Country — and the pl^t Likewise —

Thereupon Command is given to the shire of Somersett County that Immediately
he cause to come here twelve day by whom^t who neither he nor any other because as well he
of which said present the said Shire to wit Francis Allen Gent Now heret^t to witt the twenty
first day of March and four thousand Seven hundred and twenty six former and makes
returne that he hath here ready twelve d^s as by his said present he was commanded, and now
hereafterwards to witt the same day and year comes as well he and others as the said do^t by
their attorneys and the Jurores of that Jury there in Impanelled being called likewise —
came to witt — Charles Coltingham, Henry Fouldon, Wm. Lane, Wm. M^r Gause, Isaac Marshall Lewis
Disharow, Edward Beacham^t, Moses Driskill, Giddon Silvan, Mathew Burnall, Henry Alexander
and Benjamin Houston — who being dulye elected tryed and sworn to say the truth in the premises
upon their oaths do say that the said Littleton Townsend is guilty of the premises as the said
Rowland and Mary above against him hath Conspired, and do ofset the damage of the same
Rowland and Mary by reason of the premises besides their costs and charges in this behalfe

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