

Thomas Thompson } In the Records of Dorchester County is thus contained -
Dorchester County

Penelope Murphy } At a Court of the Right honorable Charles
absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord
Baron of Baltimore hold for Dorchester County at Cambridge in the same County the second
Tuesday in June anno: Dom: Seventeen hundred thirty and one by the said
Lord propply his Justices the peace in the said County to Consueve assigned of whom
were present

Maj: Henry Emmalle Mr: Charles Nutter Mr: Tobias Pollard Mr: J: Rodson
Mr: Walter Campbell Mr: Anthony Rawlings Mr: Thomas Woolford and
Mr: Thomas Hicks

Thompson } Command was given to the Sher: of Dorchester County that he should take
add: } Thomas Thompson late of Dorchester County Gentleman if he should be
Murray } found in his Bailiwick and him in his Custody should safekeep so that
he should have his body before the Justices of Dorchester, at Cambridge in the said
County the second tuesday of march anno: Dom: Seventeen hundred and thirty
to answer unto Penelope Murphy of a plea of trespass upon the Case -
At which day here Cometh the aforesd Penelope, by Thom: Bluett her attorney and
the Sher: of the County aforesd returned that he hath taken the aforesd Thomas -
and him hath ready according to the Exigence of the writ aforesd -
and thereupon the said Penelope declared against the afo Thomas in the
Plea aforesd in forme following - Thomas Thompson late of Dorchester
County Gentleman was attached to answer unto Penelope Murphy of a
plea of trespass upon the Case. and whereupon the same Penelope by Thomas Bluett
her Attorney complains that whereas the same Penelope is a good faithfull and
honest Subject of our Lord the king that now is and a good faithfull and honest
Subject of our Lord the king and of Divers of his progenitors Late Kings and
Queens of England from the time of her Nativity hitherto herself hath behaved
and Governed and of good name fame Credit Conversation and behaviour amongst
all her Neighbours and other faithfull Subjects of our said Lord the King to whom
the same Penelope was known through all the time afo was held and reputed -
and no felony or any such Crime hitherto hath committed or perpetrated but a good and honest way of living
hitherto hath had and followed by pretext of which and her honest Labour and Industry
the same Penelope so much profit Among her Neighbours and other faithfull
Subjects of our said Lord the king did obtain and get as did sustain her in a plentiful
and happy manner Now the left the said Thomas not being Ignorant of the
Premises butt minding and Maliciously Intending the same Penelope not only
of her good Name fame Credit and Esteem afo to Deprive but also her the said
Penelope