

109. Thomas Fletcher } Somerset County s^r. Rebecca, Obyan late of Somerset County
 spinster, was attached to answer unto Thomas Fletcher and
 40. Rebecca Obyan. } Sarah his wife of a plea, of trespass upon the Case &c

And whereupon the said Thomas and Sarah by Francis Allen their attorney complain that whereas the said Sarah is a good true honest and faithfull leige Subject of our Lord the King that now is and as a good true honest and faithfull leige Subject of our said Lord the King and his progenitors King and Queens of the Realm of Great Brittan from the time of her nativity hitherto hath behaved and demeaned herselfe from all kind of felony, Robbery, Rape, or any such wicked and base crime hath from the time of her nativity hitherto free clear unpotted and unattainted remained, by reason whereof she hath kept and preserved her selfe of good name fame estimation and repute amongst her neighbours and other faithfull, leige Subjects of our said Lord the King and also all and singular her goods and chattels in no wise Subjects to the Rigour of the law for such like offences made and provided but hath deservedly had and obtained the love and good will of her neighbours and other faithfull, leige Subjects of our said Lord the King by all the time of her life.

And whereas the said Rebecca being not ignorant of the premises but: envying: the happy estate and Condition of the said, Sarah Maliciously plotting and contriving the said Sarah not only in her good name fame estimation and repute a^d very much to hurt but also to cause her innocently to be brought in danger of suffering layard punishment and the pillory and forfeiting four fold as the law in such Cases directs the twenty ninth day of Jany Anno Domini seventeen hundred and thirty four at the County, of Somerset a^d within the Jurisdiction of this Court these false Infamous, scandalous, Malicious and: a^d reprochous words following of her the said Sarah of her malice forethought in the presents and hearing of sundry faithfull, leige Subjects of our Lord the King having communication and speech concerning her the said Sarah with an audible voice scandalous, falsely and maliciously did speak rehearse, publish pronounce and speak vizt. she (the said Sarah meaning) stole Mannering, from the Corn of a certain Abraham Mannering of Somerset County meaning after, it was brought in (meaning after the share of Corn was brought in and divided between the a^d Thomas and Abraham, made upon the said Thomas's plantation ^{out} of the part or share belonging therout to him the said Abraham) when as in truth the said Sarah no such wicked and base crime, ever did commit or perpetrate by reason whereof the said Sarah in her good name fame credit and repute a^d is very much hurt and damaged but also the said Thomas, sundry sums of money and to backe for clearing and vindicating of the good name fame credit and repute of the said Sarah is forced to

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