

The parties day is given to the parties aforesaid here before his Lordships Justices at Dividing Creek until the third Tuesday of August then next following in the same state as at present saving to the parties &c.

At which day here before his Lordships Justices at Dividing Creek came as well the aforesaid Peter Taylor as the aforesaid John Evans by their attorneys aforesaid and hereupon the said Peter Taylor declared against the aforesaid John Evans in the plea aforesaid in form following - Somerset County John Evans Late of Somerset County planter was attached to answer unto Peter Taylor of plea of trespass upon the case &c.

And whereupon the same Peter by Charles Goldborough his attorney - complaineth that whereas he the same Peter is a quiet peaceable honest and inoffensive subject of our Lord the King that now is and as a good true quiet peaceably honest and inoffensive subject of the same Lord the King and of divers of his progenitors late Kings and Queens of England from the time of his nativity hitherto himself hath behaved and governed and of good name credit fame and behaviour among all his neighbours and other Subjects of our said Lord the King was held and reputed and from the stains and Charges of trespasses or any other hurt full or Malicious Crime thro' the time of his whole life past free and clear hath remained and continued by means whereof the same Peter the favour good will and esteem of his neighbours and other Subjects of the said Lord the King to whom the said Peter was known got and obtained and whereas he the said Peter never did with force and arms unlawfully take or carry away coloured gelding being the proper goods and chattels of a certain John Evans and the same gelding imprison and disfigure nor the hair from the tail of the said gelding unlawfully cutt Nevertheless the aforesaid John Evans knowing the premises aforesaid to be true yet unkindly and maliciously Intending the same Peter in this part to vex and Injure and the good name and credit of the same Peter to destroy and also to cause the same Peter great sums of money and to be forced to expend without any probable Just or reasonable Cause at a Court of the right Honourable Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. held for Somerset County at Dividing Creek in the County aforesaid in the Court house the twenty first day of December Anno Domini seventeen hundred thirty and six before the Honourable Lewis Gale Esq^r - John Robert King Mr. William Moughton and John George Dashiell then the said Lord Proprietary his Justices of the same Court assigned as well to hear and determine all felonies trespasses and other malefactions in the said County perpetrated the year in the same County to deliver a certain bill of Judgment against the aforesaid Peter falsely and maliciously and without any reasonable or probable