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probable cause did cause and procure to be writt writt containing this false matter -  
following to wit that he the said Peter by the name of Peter Taylor late of Somersel  
County planter the twenty first day of December in the year of our Lord god one  
thousand seven hundred and thirty six at the Court house at Deviding Creek in the  
County as one dark bay Colored gelding being the proper goods and chattles of the said  
John Evans with force and arms unlawfully did take and Imprison and the same -  
gelding so as asd Imprisoned being with force and arms did disfigure and from the  
tail of the same gelding then and there the hair thereof did with force and arms unlawfully  
cut off to the great damage of the said John Evans and against the peace of the said Right -  
Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is his good Rule and Government which same  
bill so as asd writ containing the false matter as the asd John Evans at the asd Court  
of Goal Delivery held for Somersel County asd in the said County the said twenty first  
day of December anno Domini seventeen hundred thirty and six asd before the Justices asd  
did exhibit and to the Jurers then and there being Impannelled and Sworne to enquire  
for the said Lord Proprietary and the Body of the County asd as a true bill of Indictment  
falsely and Maliciously did cause to be delivered and with an Intent that the said -  
false Matter in the said bill contained should by the Jurers asd be found to be true -  
the said John Evans then and there falsely maliciously and vexatiously did cause and -  
procure divers evidences against the said Peter upon their corporall to them by the -  
Justices asd duly administered to the Jurers asd to be worn the same Justices then  
and there having full power theretho power theretho asd to the same evidences  
to administer (Whereupon the same Jurers so asd charged and sworn to enquire  
for the said Lord Proprietary and the Body of the County asd well knowing & perceiving  
the whole matter in the same bill contained was false: and by the same John Evans  
without any probable cause falsely and Maliciously against the said Peter -  
desired and that no such offence ever was committed by the asd Peter then and there  
swore upon their oath asd before the same Justices that they of the matter in the  
same bill of Indictment contained were altogether Ignorant by pretext of which  
premises the same Peter is greatly vexed and Injured and into infamy and -  
Contempt is brought and also great sums of money and tobacco in and about the -  
Manifestation of his Innocency and defence of himself in the premises to exceed was  
obliged and Compelled to the damage of the said Peter Taylor seven thousand pound  
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