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take a grey Coloured Gelding being the proper goods and Chattles of the a<sup>d</sup> Robert Collier and  
the same gelding Imprisoned and disfigur'd the hair from the tail of the said gelding unlawfully  
cutt Nevertheles<sup>s</sup> the a<sup>d</sup> Robert knowing the premises a<sup>d</sup> to be true yet minding  
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 tobacco 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 Deviding  
Greene in the County a<sup>d</sup> in the Court house the twenty first day of December <sup>and year</sup> seventeen  
hundred thirty and six before the Honourable Lewis Hale Esq<sup>r</sup> Col<sup>d</sup> Robert King  
Mr William Sloughton and Col<sup>d</sup> George Dashiel then the said Lord Proprietaries Just  
ices of the same Court assynd as well to hear and determine all felonys trespasses and  
other malefiances in the said County perpetrated as the fact in the same County to  
deliver certain bill of Indictment against the a<sup>d</sup> Peter falsely and Maliciously and  
without any reasonable or probable cause did cause & procure to be writ containing this  
false matter following to wit that he the a<sup>d</sup> Peter by the name of Peter Taylor late  
of Somerset County - Planter the twenty first day of December in the year of our Lord  
God one thousand seven hundred thirty and six at the Court house at Deviding Greene  
in the County a<sup>d</sup> one grey Coloured Gelding being the proper goods and Chattles of  
the said Robert Collier with force and arms unlawfully did take and Imprisoned and  
the same gelding so as a<sup>d</sup> 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 unlaw-  
fully cutt to the great damage of the said Robert Collier 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 a<sup>d</sup> writ containing the false matter a<sup>d</sup> the a<sup>d</sup> Robert at the  
a<sup>d</sup> Court of Goal delivery held for Somerset County a<sup>d</sup> in the said County the said twenty  
first day of December Anno Domini seventeen hundred thirty and six a<sup>d</sup> before the Justice  
a<sup>d</sup> did exhibit and to the Jurers then and there being Imparelled and sworn to -  
enquire for the said Lord Proprietary and the body of the County a<sup>d</sup> as above bill  
of Indictment falsely and Maliciously did cause to be delivered and with an-  
tient that the said false matter in the said bill contained should by the Jurers a<sup>d</sup>