

August Court 1740. 10

Courly Inholder and Susanna his wife were attached to answer unto Francis Allen Junr. of a plea of trespass upon the Case &c.

And Whereupon the said Francis Allen Junr. by Francis Allen Senr. his attorney complains that whereas he the said Francis Allen Junr. is a good true faithfull and honest Subject of our Lord the King now and as a good true faithfull and honest Subject of our Lord the King and his Progenitors late Kings of Great Brittain &c. from the time of his Nativity hitherto hath behaved held and governed himself and of good name fame Credit Condition Conservation of Life and Estate by all the time aforesaid amongst all his neighbours and other faithfull Subjects of our Lord the King now was held and reputed and from all kind of theft felony fraud deceit or any such wicked and base crime or the procurement or suspicion of the same in any sort through the whole Course of his Life untouched Clean Innocent free and altogether unsuspected hath lived and continued by reason whereof he the said Francis Allen Junr. the favour esteem and good will of all his neighbours and other faithfull Subjects of our Lord the King now deserved had and obtained to his apparant and Manifest Advantage in all his affairs Nevertheless the said Susanna being not Ignorant of the premises plotting and Maliciously Intending him the said Francis Allen Junr. not Only of his good name fame Credit estimation and repute aforesaid to deprive and him the said Francis Allen Junr. into Ignominy and Opprobriousness to Induce and to Cause him Innocently to be brought in danger of being whipt and pilloried and forfeiting four fold as the Law in such cases doth direct the twenty eighth day of August Anno Domini Seventeen hundred and thirty nine having speech with the said Francis Allen Junr. in the presence and hearing of his neighbour and other fair faithfull Lige Subjects of our said Lord the King now openly and publicly those false feigned scandalous and opprobrious words following falsely and Maliciously to and of him the said Francis Allen Junr. did a pert publish pronounce and speak to wit: vizt. you speaking to and of him the said Francis Allen Junr. are a thief for you the said Francis Allen Junr. meaning stole wheat from your father and sold it to Deagy Deale by reason of the malicious speaking Publishing and declaring of which false Infamous Scandalous and opprobrious words the said Francis Allen Junr. not only his good name fame Credit Estimation and repute aforesaid is very much hurt and damaged and also sundry sums of money & tobacco for the purgation & manifestation of his Innocency in that part is forced and Compelled to Expend & Lay out to the damage of the said Francis Allen Junr. of fifty pounds Curr. money of Maryland and thereupon he brings suit &c. — Medq. &c. John Doe &c. Roe —

And the aforesaid Robert Geddes by his attorney aforesaid Cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when &c. and pray leave thereof to impartle here untill next Court to be held at dividing Creek in and for the County aforesaid the third Tuesday —