

dividing Creek the third Tuesday of November Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty to answer unto Francis Allen one of the Attorneys of the said Court of a plea of trespass upon the Land and the same day is given to the ap. Francis here

At which day here came the ap. Francis Allen by William Arbuckle his Attorney and the sherriffe to wit John Handy sent now here returned that he had taken the ap. John Evans whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the ap. Francis Allen of the ap. plea as to him it was Comanded

Whereupon the ap. John Evans puts in his ^{plea} George Douglas sent Attorney at Law against the ap. Francis Allen of the ap. plea and thereupon at the request of the parties ap. day is to them now here given untill next Court to be held at dividing Creek the third Tuesday of March then next next following in the same state as at present saving to the parties ap.

At which day here came again as well the ap. Francis Allen as the ap. John Evans by their Attorney ap. and hereupon the said Francis Allen complained against the ap. John Evans in the plea ap. in form following

Somerset s/ John Evans late of Somerset County planter was Attached to answer unto Francis Allen one of Attorneys of his Lordships County Court of a plea of trespass upon the Land

And Whereupon the same Francis by William Arbuckle his Attorney complains that whereas the same Francis by the space and time of twenty years last past and more was, and now is, one of Attorneys, of the Court of the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary of Somerset County, and the same Francis as an Attorney of the Court ap. by all the time ap. Justly, sincerely and faithfully, himself behaved, and in that time the same Francis many Causes, suits, & Actions, for divers Liege Subjects of our Lord the King now and his predecessors Clients of the same Francis, as their Attorney in the said Court of Somerset here faithfully and according to the best of his skill and knowledge, had prosecuted, and defended, and by reason of the fidelity honesty care and skill of the same Francis, in the management of the Causes, suits, and business of his Clients ap. divers subjects of our Lord the King and his predecessors the same Francis to be their Attorney, and their Actions and suits in the Court ap. to prosecute and defend daily did retain by which the same Francis Attorneys fees, and other large sums of money for the management of their affairs lawfully, and honestly gained, to the plentiful Support of him, and his family, and the same Francis from all false dealing and fraudulently practise or takeing fees and rewards on both sides, by all the time ap. hitherto free, clear, unspotted, & unsuspected, hath remained nevertheless the ap. John not ignorant of the premises but falsely and maliciously plotting and intending the same Francis unjustly to aggrieve and him into scandal Ignominy and publick shame as well among his Clients as other subjects of our Lord the King now to ^{whom} the same Francis was known to bring, and likewise to cause the Clients of the same Francis him as a villian, and a Cheat, to desert and leave him as their Attorney no longer to retain, and also him the said Francis of such fees and profits which he ^{and} from his Clients ap. might reasonably gain, totally to deprive the

in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and forty at Somerset County ap. in the presence and hearing of many Liege Subjects of our Lord the King, now upon a discourse then and there had of and concerning some Attorneys fees, charged by the same Francis on the ap. John, these false feigned scandalous and opprobrious words following of the said Francis falsely and maliciously said and published viz. Frank Allen (the ap. Francis Allen meaning) is a Villian for he (the same Francis again meaning) takes fees on both sides and I (the said John himself meaning) will prove it by Peter Taylors