

form of the Statute in such case made and provided adjudged and that the as^s. Peter and Shadrach have thereof Execution

And Ambros Willett et al^r Command was given to the sheriffe of Somerset County that he should take Peter Claywell J^r and Shadrach Claywell late of Somerset County planter and Shadrach Claywell late of Somerset County planter if they should be found in his bailiwick and them should safe keep so that he might have their bodies before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at dividing Creek the third tuesday of March Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred and forty to answer unto Ambros Willett and Ruth his wife of a plea of trespass upon the free way and the same day is given to the as^s. Ambros and Ruth here

At which day here came the as^s. Ambros Willett and Ruth his wife by George Douglas their Attorney and the sheriffe to witt John Handy gent. now here returned that he had taken the as^s. Peter and Shadrach Claywells body here at this day he had ready to answer the as^s. Ambros Willett and Ruth his wife of the as^s. plea as to him it was Commanded

Whereupon the as^s. Peter and Shadrach Claywell puts in their place William Arduckle gent. Attorney at Law against the as^s. Ambros Willett and Ruth his wife of the as^s. plea

And thereupon at the request of the parties a day is to them now here given untill next Court to be held at dividing Creek in and for the County as^s. the third Tuesday of June then next following in the same state as at present saving to the parties as^s.

At which day here came again as well the as^s. Ambros Willett and Ruth his wife as the as^s. Peter and Shadrach Claywells by their Attorneys as^s and hereupon the said Ambros Willett and Ruth his wife complained of the as^s. Peter and Shadrach Claywells in the plea as^s in form following - Somerset s^r. Peter Claywell J^r late of Somerset County planter and Shadrach Claywell late of Somerset County planter were attached to answer unto Ambrose Willett and Ruth his wife of a plea of trespass upon the free way

And Whereupon the said Ambrose and Ruth by George Douglas their Attorney complain. that whereas the said Ruth is an honest and peaceable Subject of our Lord the King that now is and as an honest and peaceable Subject of the said King and his progenitors from her Nativity hitherto her self hath demeaned and behaved free and clear of any breach of the peace either of the said King or the Right honourable the Lord propty of this province Nevertheless the said Peter and Shadrach not ignorant of the premises but plotting and maliciously intending the said Ruth of her good name to deprive and to cause her to undergoe and suffer imprisonment of her body and make fine to the said Lord proprietary on the Eighteenth day of November Anno Dom MDCCL at the County as^s. before the worshipfull Robert King and his associates the Right honourable the Lord propty of this provinces Justices the peace for the said County to keep assigned without any probable cause