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At which day here came the a<sup>o</sup> Patrick Connelly by George Douglas his Attorney and the Sheriff of <sup>Somerset County</sup> to wit John Handy Gent now here returned that he had taken the a<sup>o</sup> Hugh Rimmer whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the a<sup>o</sup> Patrick Connelly of the a<sup>o</sup> plea as to him it was Comanded

Whereupon the a<sup>o</sup> Hugh Rimmer being present herein Court at the prayer of the a<sup>o</sup> Patrick Connelly is adjudged to give speciall bail to the action a<sup>o</sup>

Thereupon a certain James Billings of Somerset County Gent present herein Court in his proper person understood for the said Hugh Rimmer likewise the said Hugh Rimmer present herein Court in his proper person assumed upon himself that if it should happen that Judgment in the plea a<sup>o</sup> should be rendered for the a<sup>o</sup> Patrick Connelly against the same Hugh Rimmer or that he the same Hugh Rimmer should be therein convicted that then he the said Hugh Rimmer should pay and satisfy unto the said Patrick Connelly the Judgment of the Court thereupon or render his body in execution of such Judgment to the prison of the Sheriff of the County a<sup>o</sup> in satisfaction thereof or that he the said James Billings will do the same for him &

Whereupon the a<sup>o</sup> Hugh Rimmer puts in his place Robert Jenchins Henry Gent Attorney at Law against the a<sup>o</sup> Patrick Connelly of the a<sup>o</sup> plea

And thereupon at the request of the parties a<sup>o</sup> day is to them now here given untill next Court to be held at dividing Creek in and for the County a<sup>o</sup> the third Tuesday of August then next following at the same state as at present saving to the parties a<sup>o</sup>

At which day here came again as well the a<sup>o</sup> Patrick Connelly as the a<sup>o</sup> Hugh Rimmer by their attorneys a<sup>o</sup> and hereupon the said Patrick complained against the a<sup>o</sup> Hugh Rimmer in the plea a<sup>o</sup> in form following  
Somerset s / Hugh Rimmer late of Somerset County planter was attached to answer unto Patrick Connelly of a plea of trespass upon the case &

And Whereupon the said Patrick by Geo. Douglas his Attorney complains that whereas the said Patrick is a good and honest Subject of our Lord the King that now is and as such from his nativity to this day himself hath governed and from all felony stealing theft or receiving of stolen goods knowing the same to be stolen free clear and unspotted by all the time a<sup>o</sup> hath remained never the less the said Hugh not ignorant of the premises but plotting and maliciously intending the said Patrick in his good name a<sup>o</sup> to hurt and injure and the said Patrick unjustly to vex and into the manifest danger of his life imprisonment of his body loss of his goods or for all punishment of and fine to the Lord proprietary of this province to make manifestly to endanger and cause without any probable or reasonable cause on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March June Anno Domini MDCXL at Somerset County a<sup>o</sup> before the worshipfull Robert King Esq. and his Associates the Right Honourable the said Lord proprietary Justices to keep the peace for the said County a signed did procure and cause an Information in writing to be drawn up and Written against the said Patrick Connelly -