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having communication with the said honourable the Lord Proprietary & diverse other faithful & worshipful persons of the said Province: & concerning the attorney of the said Province of the Province: & amongst the rest of concerning the said John Morecroft then being one of the attorneys of the said Court certain false & scandalous & opprobrious words of concerning the said John Morecroft then being one of the attorneys of the said Court in the presence of the honourable the Lord Proprietary & other worshipful persons of the Province did little speak & publish (to wit) of himself the said Robert meaning / will make it appear that Morecroft one of the attorneys there / the said John Morecroft meaning / took fees on both sides in one & the same cause, by reason of the which the said Robert uttering publishing and declaring of the said false & opprobrious words the said John Morecroft is not only hurt in his fame good name & Reputation amongst his Neighbours & brought into Infamy & Discredit with his Clients whereby he hath utterly lost his practice but everyone refuse to retain him as their attorney or employ him in any of their suits Businesses & causes to the great damage of him the said John Morecroft, Whereupon he saith he is damaged & hath lost to the value of five hundred pounds Sterling and thereupon he bringeth his suit

Plegd de off Jr. Doo

Rich Doo

Morecroft Jr.

True copy Jr. Blamfield

17 April 1669. This paper produced by Capt Morris agt Mr Morecroft
Robert Lawrie Ck.

Maryland / To the honourable the Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly & the rest of the Members thereof

The impeachment of Robert Morris offered to the consideration of this house against Jr Morecroft gent: a Member of this house

The said Robert Morris doth in the name of the Commons of this Province impeach the said John Morecroft of certain offences & crimes concerning the publick which he is ready to make good as follo

S. The said Mr John Morecroft being one of the attorneys of the Provincial Court in a declaration by him put into their Court against the said Robert Morris, striving to make good that the jurisdiction of this Province extends to Wild Street in Westminster summing it to the City of St. Mary in St. Mary's Court to injure dis honour of our Sovereign Lord the King, thereby Endeavouring for his own Advantage to bring the Subjects of the King for Woods & Actions committed there liable to answer for the same in the Provincial Court as if they were immediately under his Majestys Royal authority