

answer the said John Wright of a pleia of taking and unjustly withholding his goods to which the said Tobias appeared at the s^t. Provincial Court, after due and mature Deliberation by them the s^t. Justices thereupon had it was by them adjudged that the s^t. Tobias Wells had unjustly taken and withheld the said Goods of the said Jn^t. Wright And for that it did appear to them by the Return of the said Writ to them by the Sheriff made that the Execution of the s^t. Writ was done after the said John Wrights obtaining of the Quietus and so the serving the said Execution unlawful and that the said Tobias ought to have brought his Desavowal against the Admin^t if he had any cause therefore ther^d Adm^t having payed as far as assets and so had fully administered, Now forasmuch as the said Jn^t. Morecroft had performed all & every thing which did belong to his Duty in prosecuting the suit to judgment and the said Tobias having got Execution, the said John Morecroft had done all that was belonging to the duty of an attorney upon that Retainer to do and if the said Tobias committed any trespass or wrong by colour of the said Execution by undue & the illegal Serving the same whereby the said Jn^t. Wright had matter and cause of a new action he humbly conceives it was lawful for him the said Jn^t. Morecroft to be retained by the said Jn^t. Wright as his attorney to seek for the Redress of the same.....and so much the rather for it was one part of the oath of an attorney that he shall do no wrong nor suffer any to be done to the Scandal of the Court but if he know of any shall make the same known to the Justices of the said Court, Now this being done by colour of the said Writ in an illegal & undue manner He humbly conceives he was bound by his oath to see the same redressed And the s^t. John Morecroft further saith that if he offended in such manner as in the third Article of his Impeachment It is charged to be a Crime Yet as Attorney and Minister of the Provincial Court the matter was & is only examinable & punishable by the honourable Justices of the Provincial Court who are his Masters and to which Court he is a Minister, All which Masters and things the said John Morecroft is ready to aver and prove and prayeth to be dismissed this honourable House with his costs and charges by him in this cause unjustly sustained

Signed John Morecroft

Upon the hearing of the Impeachment against John Morecroft Gent this House do vote that the Impeachment ought to have been directed