

past, to testify her knowledge in a Cause then & there depending be- Liber B B
 twixt Benjamin Hunton p^{lf} & D^r Luke Barbier d^{eft}, uppon penalty
 of 500^t Tob. in case of not appearing, She, according to th^e summons
 made her appearance, And when shee was gyuing in her testimony
 uppon oath D^r Barber (contrary to that Law, w^{ch} doth prouide for
 th^e safety & security of Wittnesses) in a reproachfull & slanderous
 manner called yo^r Pet^{rs} Wife whoare, And th^e s^d D^r Barbier did
 then & there affirme seuerall times that shee was a whoare, Saying
 th^t hee had caught her wth her Coates up, & that Rogue Tom Hughes
 wth his breeches downe, in such uncyuell acc^ōns nott fitt to bee named,
 And further th^t hee brought in none but Rogues & Whoares wth him,
 some from Newgate: some from Bridewell: & some from th^e Whip-
 ping Post, Saying, And thou wert th^e Impudance of all, By your
 Pet^{rs} Wife, shee comming in his seru^t, And allsoe th^t her oath was [p. 117]
 false & malicious, w^{ch} hee would proue. Now soe it is th^t yo^r Pet^{rs}
 Wife hath bene almost these fiae yeares in this Country, wthout
 th^e least blemish of immodesty th^t Carping enuy could suspect, eyther
 in her behauior, speech, or carriage, as is manifest to all her neigh-
 bours, wth whom shee hath bene conuersant, And th^t her Educa^ōn &
 former life in England being knowne to diuers in this Country to bee
 noe other but honest, modest & Ciuill, Butt now by those slaunderous
 speeches of th^e afores^d Barbier, w^{ch} hath so wounded her in her
 credit, Reputa^ōn & hono^r (w^{ch} is far dearer then life) That all th^e
 uertues of her former life is blasted & shee blazed for a whoare &
 Strumpett, unlesse yo^r hon^{rs} doe graunt her Repara^ōn agst th^e s^d
 Barbier, w^{ch} yo^r Pet^r Conceiues yo^u ought in Justice & hono^r to doe,
 Least this stands for a President for futurity, for such abusiuus
 ffellowes not only to abuse Wittnesses in Contempt of Gouvern^t &
 lawfully summoned: Butt also take the Priuiledge to slaunder &
 abuse all Woemen lett them be euer soe Innocent (noe mans Wife
 Excepted) Wherefore hee humbly Craues th^t th^t Cause may bee
 tryed by an able Jury, & shee repayred according to th^e meritt of th^e
 offence. And hee shall euer pray &c:

Henry Spinke p^{lf} } This Cause is Respited till next Prouinciall
 D^r Luke Barbier d^{eft} } Court, And the Court ordered the Clarke to
 take th^e Depos^{ns} of all those now summoned in this Cause, & to giue
 Copies thereof eyther to p^{lf} or d^{eft} (if demanded) whereby to pre-
 pare themselues agst next Prouinciall Court.

John Jerome aged 24 yeares or thereabouts sayth uppon Oath,
 That att th^e Court att New Towne D^r Luke Barbier called Henry
 Spinks wife whoare, And sayd th^t hee would proue it, for hee sayd
 th^t hee caught her wth her Coates up about her middle, & Thomas
 Hughes wth his Breeches about his heeles, & in most unciuill acc^ōns.
 And th^e s^d D^r Barbier further sayd th^t her oath was malicious & false,
 & thereuppon threw it to M^r Hall & bid him enter it, for hee would