

Called from the Bench where for that Court he Satt as Judge to give his Testimony in a Cause depending betweene him the sayd Staplefort and John Bayley of Calvert County Merchant in the presence of the sayd Court and hearing of very many of the good people of this Province then and there being openly and publiqly and falsly Scandalously and Malitiously Did speake utter publish and Proclayme That is to say You the said Thomas Sprigg meaneing are Confedate with Bayley him the sayd John Bayley meaneing and have falsyfyed your Oath to the Lord Proprietary by reason of the Speaking and publishing of which false Feygned Scandalous and Malitious Words chargeing him the sayd Thomas with Hatefull Perjury and base breach of Trust the sayd Thomas not only in his good name Fame Estimaçon and Reputaçon aforesayd wherein he was before that tyme Endued is much hurt and made Worse but alsoe is brought in Danger of the Greivous Censure of the Governour and Councill and Divers great Sumes of Money in this behalfe for the manifestaçon and Cleering his Innocence in the Premisses was forced and Compelled to Lay out and Expend to the Dammage of the sayd Thomas Sprigg Five hundred pounds sterling And thereof hee bringeth his sute

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Thomas Sprigg Plaintiffe } The deff^t put's in his answer (uizt) The
 Reym^d Staplefort Def^t } Defendant Demurreth in law, that who-
 soeuer informeth On behalfe of the King Cannot be Molested nor
 Sued for his informaçon let it be right or wrong

This answer not being allowed sufficient The Defendant was demanded, if he could proue those words spoken by him and sett downe in the Declaraçon—Answered, I cann, being askt againe if he would doe it Answered, I could, then askt how hee Could, Answered att P^rsent he could not for want of some meanes that is not at present wth hime

Whereuppon it is Ordered, That the Defend^t Reymound Staplefort be Committed into the Sherriffs Custody, there to lye and remaine untill hee giue in Sufficient Security for his appearance the next Prouin^{all} Court to answer the said suite and abide Judgment therein

To the Hon^{ble} the Gouverno^r and Councill of the prouince of Maryland

William Lister Complaines ags^t John Gilson of Kingsale in the Kingdom of Ireland for that whereas the said John Gilson hired the said William Lister as a marriner to sayle and doe the labor of a marriner in th^e Hopewell of Kingsale for and in Consideraçon of which, the said Gilson did Assume uppon himselfe to pay unto the said Lister forty shillings p̄ month wages, And for that whereas the said William Lister for & during the space of four months and twenty dayes or thereabouts in the said Hopewell of Kingsale did sayle and the labor of a marriner did doe whereby there became due

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