

the execution of his Office, the Said George of his owne P^rverse Lib^r M M
malitious & wicked will plotting and contriveing him the Said
Thomas of Such his credit, estate, honesty, & reputation to deprave
& also to bring him the Said Thomas within the danger of forfeit-
ing his Said bond & looseing of his Office aforesaid Att a Pro-
vinciall Court of the Said Lord Proprietary held at the Citty of
S^t Maries the 15th day of April in the 42th yeare of the Dominion
of his Said Lo^{pp} Anno^q Do^m 1674 before his Said Excellency the
Cap^t Generall Cheife justice of the Said Court & other his Associates
justices of the Said Court the Said George falsely, malitiously Sub-
tilly and wickedly in the Open Court of the Said Lord Proprietary
in the presence and heareing of the Said Cap^t Generall & cheife jus-
tice of the Said Court & others his Associates justices of the Said
Court & of other Officers & Ministers of the Said Court & also in
the presence & heareing of a great multitude of the Inhabitants of
the Said Province at the said Provinciall Court being present attend-
ing the Said Court of the Said Lord Proprietary about their Severall
affaires these false Scandalous words of the Said Thomas the Said
George (with a loud & audible Voice) did Speake pronounce publish
& declare to wit That to his Knowledge (meaneing the Knowledge
of the Said George) Severall writts (meaning Severall writts Sealed
with the Seale of the Said Lord Proprietary and to the Said Thomas
directed as he was his Said Lo^{pps} Sheriff of his Said County of
Dorchester) came to M^r Taylors hands (meaning to the hands &
possession of the Said Thomas Taylor in due time) which he (mean-
ing him the Said Thomas) might have Served, & he (meaning him
the Said Thomas) refused it (meaning he refused & delayed to
execute them) By reason of which Said false Scandalous & malitious
words the Said Thomas is not only much greived, troubled vexed &
perplex in his mind but also is brought in danger of forfeiting the
Said bond So entred into for the true & faithfull execution of the
Said Office of Sheriff of the Said County as aforesaid but also the
Said Thomas is brought into Very great distrust & infamy aswell
with the Said Lord Proprietary & his Cap^t Gen^l & Councill aforesaid
as with all other the justices Officers & great & eminent persons
within this Province & with all other the Inhabitants of this Pro-
vince To the damage of him the Said Thomas two hundred thousand
pounds of tobacco & thereupon he bringeth his Suite.

And the Said George by Kenelm Cheseldyn his Attorney doth come
and defend the force & injury when &c and Saith he is not guilty of
the premisses in manner & forme as the Said Thomas above in his
declaration hath declared against him & of this he putts himselfe upon
the Country.

Now here at this day to witt the 16th day of October in the 43th
yeare of his Lo^{pps} Dominion &c Came the Said George by his At-
torney to defend the force & injury aforesaid but the Said Thomas