Nineteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and fifty four before the Worshipfull Thomas Hayward and his Associates then the Said Lord Proprietary his Justices of the Same County Court the peace in the same County to keep and divers Felonies, Trespasses and other Misfeazances in the County aforesaid Perpetrated to hear and Determine Assigned being in due manner and according to the Laws and Customs of the Kingdom of England and this Province of Maryland was thereof Acquitted by means of which Premisses the Said John not only in his good name fame Credit and Esteem aforesaid which he before Enjoyed is greatly hurt and in Transacting his Lawfull and Honest Business is much Prejudiced but the Said John also hath been forced and Compelled to undergo great Labours and to Expend and lay out divers Sums of Money for his Defence and the Manifestation of his Innocence in this part to the Damage of the Said John One hundred Pounds Current Money and therefore he brings Suit and so forth — Pledges &c. John Doe & Richard Roe.

And the Said Benjamin Franceway by his Attorney aforesaid comes and Defends the force and Injury when &c. and prays leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to the Plaintiff also —

At which said next Court to wit the Twenty first day of October Anno Dom. 1755 Comes again the Said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Said Defendant by his Attorney aforesaid prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to the Plaintiff also —

At which said next Court to wit the third Tuesday of May being the Eighteenth day of the Same Month Anno Dom. 1756 Comes again the Said parties Plaintiff and Defendant by their Attorneys aforesaid and (the)



the said Defendant by his Said Attorney prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the same day is given to the Plaintiff also —

At which said next Court to wit the third Tuesday of October being the Nineteenth day of the Same Month Anno Dom 1756 Comes again as well the Said John White by his Attorney aforesaid as the Said Benjamin Franceway by his Attorney aforesaid And the Said Benjamin Franceway by his Said Attorney as before defends the force and Injury when and so forth and saith that he is in no wise Guilty of the Premisses above on him imposed as the aforesaid John above against him hath Complained and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c. And the Plaintiff also —

Whereupon for trying the Issue aforesaid Command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he cause to Come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of May next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that Time to wit on Tuesday the fifth day of April next to the County Court House in the Said County come Twelve good and Lawful Men of his Bailiwick by whom &c. who neither &c. To Recognize &c. because as well &c. afterwards the Process continued between the parties aforesaid in the Plea aforesaid by the Jury being put thereon in Respite here untill the third Tuesday of May next unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary to take the Assizes in the Said County assigned on Tuesday the fifth day of April next to the County Court House in the Said County shall come —

And now here at this day to wit the Said third Tuesday of May being the Seventeenth day of the Same Month Anno Dom. 1757 Comes again into his Lordships Provincial Court here as well the Said John White by his Attorney aforesaid as the Said Benjamin Franceway (by)