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CHANCERY PETITION JOHN BILL v. BONHAM NORTON

(1) John Bill's petition

(no reply from Bonham Norton has been found)

[Endorsed] 26th November, 1619

The Right Honorable Frauncis Lord Verulam
Lord Chauncello^r of England.

1. Humbly Complayning, Sheweth to yo^r Hono^{ble} good Lo^p, yo^r Lo^{ps} dayly Orator John Bill Cittizen & Stationer of London, That whereas for diuerse yeares last past Bonham Norton cittizen & stationer of London And yo^r said Supp^{liant} as Copartners vsed, traded & dealt together [large hole] buying bringing |
2. & feching of diuerse bookes, mapps, papers or other Stationery Marchandizes & wares, in, out, & from diuers partes beyond the seas into this Realme of England, & in the selling & vttering of y^e said bookes & other y^e said Marchandizes & stationary wares againe, as also <in> the Science [large hole] bookes [large hole] y^e seas during |
3. w^{ch} tyme of y^e said Corts [word illegible] yo^r Lops said petitioner did offen tymes goe beyond ye Seas vnto France the Low Countries Germany and other more remote places, to buy bookes, & other y^e said Stationery wares to & for the vse, benefitt & advantage of y^e said Copartnership, in w^{ch} said iourneyes [large hole] such peticon [hole] aduise, Coun[hole] |
4. sell & other good [2 words illegible] in ye managing of y^e said Trade, the said Bonham Norton during y^e Copartnership hath receaved some thousands of pounds of lawfull money of England out of y^e increase of y^e said ioynt stock ouer & besides his y^e said Bonham Nortons purported [large hole] Queen Elizabeth of famous |
5. [7 words illegible, *conjectural*: did some yeares since by her letters Patent vnder] y^e greate Seale of England grant vnto Robert Barker now of Dochet in y^e county of Bukingham esquier y^e Office of Printer vnto her Highnes her heires and successo^{rs} of all & singular Statute bookes, Acts of Parliamen^t, proclamacōns, Iniunctions, Bibles, & New Testamen^{ts} whatsoeuer in y^e English tongue [large hole] wthout notes then before imprinted |
6. [4 words illegible] printed by y^e commandemen^t & authority of y^e said late Queene her heires & successors, & also of all & singular other bookes whatsoeuer, w^{ch} y^e said late Queene her heires & successors for y^e service of God in y^e Church^{es} of this Realme of England either had commanded to be vsed, or from thenceforth shou[ld] command to be [large hole] |

7. what name [2 words illegible] the same then were named or called or from thenceforth should be named, called or deemed w^{ch} then were imprinted or from thenceforth should be put in print by y^e authority of y^e Parliamen^t of y^e said late Queene, either in y^e english tounge, or in y^e english tounge mixed wth any other tongue whatsoever amongst other things for & during yo^r naturall life |

8. y^e said Robert Barker as in & by the said *lettres Pattentes* y^e same doth & may more plainly & at large appeare, And whereas also y^e Kinges most excellent Maiestie y^t now is, did some yeares since by his *lettres Pattentes* vnder y^e greate seale of England (after his Ma^{tie} had in y^e said *lettres Patentes* recited y^e former grante made by the said late Queene of y^e said Office [large hole] |

9. vnto Christofer Barker sonne of y^e said Robert Barker, the Office of Printer to his Ma^{tie} his heires & successors of all & euery y^e premisses, for & during his y^e said Christophers naturall life, after y^e death of the said Robert his father, as in & by y^e said last recited *lettres Pattents* it also doth & may amongst other thinges more plai[nely] [large hole] |

10. seised of y^e said Office for terme of his life as aforesaid, and y^e said Christopher Barker likewise hauing a graunte from his Ma^{tie} of the said Office during his life after his fathers death as is before mencōned, the said Robert Barker having before married y^e said Christofer Barker his sonne, to y^e daughter of y^e said Bonham Norton [large hole] |

11. his Mat^{ies} raigne ouer England ffrance & Ireland & in the 48th yeare of his Highnesses raigne ouer Scotland for 5000^{li} of lawfull money of England paid him by yo^r said Supp^{liant}, & the said Bonham Norton assigne & sett ouer vnto y^e said Bonham Norton, Christofer Barker, & yo^r said Supp^{liant}, the said Office amongst other [large hole] |

12. ssoe granted vnto him in & by y^e said *lettres patentes* as in & by y^e said deede more plainly & fully it doth & may appeare, Vpon w^{ch} said Assignemen^t so made, y^e said Bonham Norton, Xpofer Barker & yo^r said Supp^{liant} entred into Copartnership touching y^e said Office & y^e managing & y^e executing thereof & each of them is [large hole] some of 4000 [hole] |

13. said Copartnership & in y^e ordering & executing of y^e said trade to y^e best aduantage & good of y^e said Copartnership amongst other thinges, as in & by certaine Indentures of Couenantes in y^t behalf made it likewise doth & may more plainly & at large appeare, and for y^e performance of y^e said couentes, yo^r said Supp^{liant} & y^e said Bonham Norton & Xpofer [hole] |

14. lawfull money of England, and y^e said Xpofer was also bound to yo^r said Supp^{liant} & y^e said Bonham Norton in a bill obligatory of y^e like summe, & so condicōned as y^e former made to him as aforesaid, w^{ch} Copartnership touching y^e said office for some space afterwards endured betwixt yo^r said supp^{liant}, & y^e said Bonham Norton & X[pofer] [large hole] |

15. where y^e said Office of y^e printing & y^e bookes & other goodes belonging to y^e said office of his Ma^{tes} Printer, were kept & during all y^t time y^e bookes & oth^{er} thinges belonging to y^e said office, & y^e monyes w^{ch} were from time to time receaued by reason of said office & y^e bookes therby printed, & y^e accountes from time to time concerning y^e said [large hole] |

16. y^e said Xpofer Barker keeping y^e key of one of y^e said lock so that nothing could be done by yo^r supp^{liant} concerning y^e goods & monyes in y^e said roomes, or touching y^e

office, wthout y^e priuity & consent of y^e Xpofer & of y^e said Bonham Norton, And yo^r said supp^{liant} during all y^e said time did direct for y^e best benefitt of y^e said ioynt [large hole] |

17. he was therto required did weekely make in y^e presence of y^e said Xpofer Barker or of some deputed for him and in y^e presence of y^e said Bonham Norton or of some for him, iust & true Accountes of all matt^{ers} concerning y^e said office & y^e said Copartnership w^{ch} notwthstanding yo^r supp^{liant} was oftentimes wthout any iust cause so calumniated & [large hole] |

18. said Copartnership of y^e said Xpofer Barker, And at length yo^r said petitioner vnderstanding y^t y^e said Robert Barker & Xpofer Barker & one Robert Barker y^e sonne of y^e said Robert Barker (to whom y^e King most excellent Ma^{tie} that now is had by his lettres patents vnder y^e greate seale of England (after his highnes had therein recited y^e former grauntes [large hole] |

19. Robert Barker y^e father & of y^e Xpofer) would sell their present & future estate in y^e said office amongst other thinges concerning y^e same, treated wth y^e said Bonham Norton, demanding of him whether he would ioyne wth yo^r supp^{liant} in buying of y^e said Barkers estates, whereunto y^e said Bonham Norton condescended promising yo^r petitioner [large hole] |

20. moytie thereof & all y^e said Barkers estates in y^e said office, And because y^e said Bonham Norton was allyed vnto y^e said Barkers by marriage as aforesaid, y^e Bonham Norton for most part treated wth y^e said Robert Barker, & his said sonnes about y^e buying of their said estate in y^e said office And after diuers conferences betweene them had [large hole] |

21. & his said sonnes about y^e said office, & that y^e said Robert Barker & his said two sonnes were contented in consideracōn of 6500^{li} of lawfull money of England to be paid vnto y^e Robert Barker y^e father & his assignes & of discharge of a debt of 200^{li} owing by y^e said Robert Barker y^e father to yo^r said supp^{liant} & of y^e discharge of a debt of 200^{li} [large hole] |

22. sell vnto y^e said Bonham Norton, & yo^r said supp^{liant}, and their assignes, all y^e present & future estate of them y^e said Robert Barker, Xpofer Barker & Robert Barker of in & to y^e said office, & all thinges thereunto belonging, And also his ye said Xpofer Barkers purpartie in ye said ioynt stock touching ye said office as aforesaid wth generall releases [large hole] |

23. vnto y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} but y^e said Bonham Norton at y^t time told yo^r said supp^{liant}, that he would by no meanes condescend y^t yo^r supp^{liant} should be ioynted wth him therin vnles yo^r supp^{liant} first by writing would couenant & graunt to him y^e said Bonham Norton that in case yo^r said supp^{liant} dyed wthout yssue male lawfully begotten ye said Norton and his [large hole] |

24. to him & to yo^r said supp^{liant} for 2000^{li} to be paid vnto yo^r supp^{liants} executo^{rs} or administrato^{rs} at seuerall paymen^{tes} wthin 3. yeares after yo^r supp^{liants} death, & then y^e said Bonham Norton promised that if yo^r supp^{liant} would yeeld thereunto, yo^r supp^{liant} should haue cleere & an absolute moytie in y^e said office wth him y^e said Bonham Norton, & be no further mol[ested & trou]bled wth y^e said [large hole] |

25. supp^{liant} & y^e said Barkers or any of them And that whereas formerly y^e said Bonham Norton had diuers times in his fury reviled yo^r supp^{liant} wth termes vnbecfitting he y^e said Bonham Norton confessed that from thence forth he would vse no more evell language or

misdemeaner to yo^r supp^{liant} vnto w^{ch} proposition of y^e said Bonham Nortons touching ye said Couenant to petiti[oner] [large hole] |

26. concienable [word illegible] seeing yo^r supp^{liant} was to pay half y^e money for y^e said office, & because yo^r supp^{liant} [7 words illegible] <hath not had, by his now wife, (vnto whom he hath bene married many yeares) any children, nor is like to haue any by her:> & for y^t yo^r supp^{liant} might dye wth in short time, & because y^e said office was then, & for some yeares then to come would be little worth by reason that y^e said Robert Barker whilst he executed y^e said office had very much [large hole] |

27. Dyson a scriuener whom yo^r supp^{liant} much respected & trusted, to vse perswasions to yo^r petitioner to yeeld thereunto, And thereupon y^e said Humfry Dyson had diuers conferences wth yo^r said supp^{liant} about it, wishing yo^r petitioner to make y^e said couenant saying then & at diuers times since y^t y^e said couenant would not be nor was good & in ye lawe [large hole] |

28. made by y^e said Bonham Norton before mencōned & vpon trust & consideracōn y^t y^e said Bonham Norton would performe y^e same y^e supp^{liant} did make, seale, & deliuered a deede of Couenant to y^e said Bonham Norton to y^e purpose aforemencōned And likewise y^e said Bonham Norton promised both before and at y^e tyme of y^e sealing & deliuering of y^e said deede writ vnto y^e said [large hole] |

29. [3 words illegible] deeds to any person or persons whatsoever & that none but he & y^e said Dyson should know therof least y^e same should be a dispute & hinder y^e copatacōner of yo^r said supp^{liant} who by reason of his many ymployments w^{ch} & great trading then had office not hath occassion to borrow great summes of money of others wch [large hole] |

30. did wthout any consideracōn given vnto him in that behalf y^e said Bonham Norton make, seale & deliuer y^e said deed of Couenants <and vppon those terms also wth the former & vppon trust & confidence that the said Bonham Norton would performe the same according to his promise yo^r supp^{liant} deliuered the said deede <[3 words illegible]> And yo^r said supp^{liant} further sheweth that y^e said Bonham Norton having thus obteyned his desire from yo^r said supp^{liant} did conclude wth the said Robert Barker & his said sonnes for their estates in y^e said office & [large hole] |

31. aforesaid consideracōns before mencōned & [word illegible] <afterwards> y^e said Robert Barker Xpofer Barker & Robert Barker by their deede vnder their hands & seales bearing date y^e 20th day of Nouember in y^e yeere of o^r Lord god 1617 in consideracōn of 2500^{li} of lawfull money of England then paid vnto y^e said Robert Barker by y^e said Bonham Norton [large hole] |

32. y^e said Robert Barker y^e father by y^e Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} wth in y^e space of one yeere then next & immediately ensuing and in consideracōn of y^e discharge of y^e said 200^{li} & debtt owing by y^e said Robert Barker y^e father to yo^r said supp^{liant} and of y^e discharge of y^e 200^{li} debtt owing by y^e said Xpofer to y^e said stock according to [large hole] |

33. Barkers & y^e said Bonham Norton, & yo^r supp^{liant} did give, grant, bargaine, sell, assigne & sett ouer vnto y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} & their assignes all their said present & future estates, titles, interests & demands of, in, & to y^e said office And likewise y^e said Xpofer by y^e said deede for diuers good consideracōns did grant to ye said Bonham Norton & y^e said suppliant [3 words illegible] |

34. & demandes of in & to y^e said ioynt stock touching y^e said office, & likewise by y^e said deede y^e said Robert Barker, Xpofer Barker & Robert Barker did for diuers good consideracōns ioyntly & seuerally remise, release & quit claime vnto y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} all and all manner of actions, debtt, accounts & demands whatsoever w^{ch} they or either of them had against Bonham Norton |
35. & yo^r said supp^{liant} or either of them for or concerning any matter or thing whatsoever from y^e beginning of y^e world vnto y^e day of y^e date of y^e said deede, as in & by y^e said deede amongst other things doth & may more largely & more plainly appear w^{ch} said summe of 4000^{li} <was> after y^e date of y^e said last mentioned deede acording to the dayes of paymen^t [2 words illegible] truly paid |
36. to y^e said Robert Barker y^e father & his assignes yo^r said supp^{liant} paying y^e one moytie of y^e said 6500^{li}, & y^e said Bonham Norton y^e other, And y^e said Xpofer Barker at that time <when the said assignement was made> did deliuer vp to be cancelled vnto y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} that deed indented of Copartnership touching y^e said office & y^e bond thereupon w^{ch} y^e Bonham Norton & yo^r said [4 words illegible] |
37. Xpofer Barker as aforesaid, and y^e said Robert, Xpofer, & Robert Barker sealed & deliuered vnto y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} a bill obligatory of 5000^{li} of lawfull mony of England for y^e performance of y^e graunts & convenants mencōned in their said last Assignment w^{ch} said bonds y^e said Bonham Norton promised vnto yo^r said supplian^t safely to keepe and yo^r petitioner [3 words illegible] |
38. that when y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} first contracted wth y^e said Robert Barker y^e father concerning y^e first sale of y^e said office w^{ch} was in y^e yeare of o^r lord god 1614, y^e said Bonham Norton intreated yo^r said supp^{liant} that he yo^r supp^{liant} would become bound together wth him y^e said Bonham Norton & y^e said Robert Barker y^e father vnto divers persons [2 words illegible] |
39. y^e said Bonham Norton promising vnto yo^r said supp^{liant} that he y^e said Bonham Norton would from thence forth from time to time discharge, aquite and save harmless yo^r said supp^{liant} from all such bonds & bills obligatory whatsoever wherin yo^r said supp^{liant} together wth y^e Bonham Norton & y^e said Robert Barker y^e father did either then stand bound from [3 words illegible] |
40. bound & obliged to any person or persons whatsoever And y^e said Bonham Norton did at that time by his writing vnder his hand acknowledge that those debtt wherein y^e said Robert Barker was ioyned wth him, the said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} were none of yo^r said supp^{liants} debtt, & that yo^r said supp^{liant} should not be charged wth any such debtt [2 words illegible] |
41. by y^e said Bonham Norton to yo^r said supp^{liant} yo^r said supp^{liant} at y^e request of y^e said Bonham Norton became bound together wth y^e said Bonham Norton, & y^e said Robert Barker y^e father in a bill obligatory of 2000^{li} of lawfull money of England vnto one M^r Banckworth of London w^{ch} condicōn for y^e paymen^t of 1100^{li} of like lawfull money at a day [4 words illegible] |
42. was presented into as aforesaid for 1000^{li} lent by y^e said M^r Banckworth, w^{ch} money by y^e appointmen^t of y^e said Bonham Norton was deliuered vnto y^e said Robert Barker y^e father & as y^e said Robert Barker affirmeth y^e said 1000^{li} was in part of paymen^t of 2000^{li} w^{ch} y^e said Bonham Norton was to giue vnto y^e said Robert Barker for his y^e said Bonham Norton[s] [2 words illegible] |

43. portion in marrying wth y^e said Xpofer Barker, w^{ch} said summe of 1000^{li} before some moneys due for y^e forbearance of y^e said 1000^{li} since y^e same was first lent, is yet due & vnpaid to y^e said M^r Banckworth, And yo^r said supp^{liant} vpon y^e said promise so made vnto him by y^e said Bonham Norton as before mencōned did also some [6 words illegible] |

44. become [3 words illegible] w^{ch} y^e said Bonham Norton & y^e said Robert Barker y^e father in a bill obligatory of 3000^{li} of lawfull money of England vnto one M^r Alderman Craven of London vpon condicōn for y^e paymen^t of 1575^{li} of like lawfull English money at a day long since past w^{ch} said last mencōned bond was so entered into for 1500 principall money w^{ch} y^e said [2 words illegible] |

45. [3 words illegible] y^e said Robert Barker y^e father receaued by y^e appointmen^t of y^e said Bonham Norton, & y^e same is yet due & owing for vnto y^e executing of y^e last will & testamen^t of y^e said M^r Alderman Craven who is since deceased, besides some moneys due for y^e forebearance of y^e said 1500^{li} for some part of y^e time since y^e said summe was lent And yo^r said [word illegible] |

46. w^{ch} that y^e said Bonham Norton did since y^e yeare of o^r lord god 1617 contrary to his former promises made [hole, *conjectural*: on y^t] behalf diuerse & sundry times giuen forth many contumelious sland^rous & reprochfull speeches and reports of yo^r said supp^{liant} oftentimes coming into yo^r supp^{liants} house & then & there euen sometimes in y^e presence & hearing of yo^r [2 words illegible] |

47. [word illegible] offer vnto yo^r said supp^{liant} such vnsufferable wrongs & abuses as y^t yo^r said supp^{liant} perceauing y^t his trading together wth y^e said Bonham Norton in y^e buying of bookes and other stationary wares beyond y^e seas, and selling them here againe was y^e occassion of y^e ill language & vsage w^{ch} he almost dayly receaued from y^e said Bonham Norton [2 words illegible] that [word illegible] |

48. [5 words illegible] of y^e said Copartnership betwene him, & the said Bonham Norton touching y^e said trade, but not concerning y^e office of Ma^{ts} printer, y^t rather, because yo^r supp^{liant} verily beleueth [hole] [---]wise he should now liue in quietnes & rest by y^e meanes of y^e said Bonham Norton where upon yo^r supplian^t offered vnto y^e said Bonham Norton that [word illegible] yo^r suppliant |

49. for his y^e said Bonham Nortons moytie in their ioynt trading copartnership stock, & debts owing vnto them of, touching, & concerning all things whatsoever other than y^e office of his Ma^{ts} said printer, or else he y^e said Bonham Norton should buy yo^r petitioners moytie therin, And to y^t purpose yo^r petitioner offered to y^e said Bonham Norton [2 words illegible] |

50. [word illegible] for his y^e said Bonham Nortons moytie w^{ch} said offer was so reasonable as that yo^r said supplian^t offered to take y^e like summe of y^e said Bonham Norton for yo^r y^e supplian^{ts} moytie therein, w^{ch} offer y^e said Bonham Norton refused, affirming that he would sell & not buy, & that he would not giue so much to yo^r supplian^t for his moity by some thousands and as [3 words illegible] |

51. [word illegible] for his y^e said Bonham Nortons moytie although they had both equall shares & moities therein, wher upon yo^r supp^{liant} being so continually vexed by y^e said Bonham Norton as aforesaid did for y^e buying of his quiett & peace offer vnto y^e said Bonham Norton for his said moitie a far greater summe of money then yo^r supp^{liant} would haue taken for his said moytie viz 1300^{li} ?in money |

52. ?besides discharging him y^e said Bonham Norton of debt of some thousand of pounds wherein y^e said Bonham Norton stood bound but not ?wth y^e said Robert Barker W^{ch} said offer y^e said Bonham Norton accepted, & y^e said Bonham Norton for y^e consideracōns aforesaid, did promise to giue, grant, bargaine, sell, assigne & sett ouer vnto yo^r said supp^{liant} all his y^e said Bonham Nortons estate [2 words illegible] |
53. [word illegible] whatsoever of w^{ch} to y^e said ioynt stock & Copartnership, & y^e debts due to y^e said Bonham Norton <[insertion erased]> And yo^r said supp^{liant} by reason of y^e same, as also all y^e moneys w^{ch} then were or from thenceforth should be in y^e said ioynt stock other then y^e office of his Ma^{ts} printer, & other then y^e ioynt stock betwene y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant} concerning y^e said office at his Ma^{ts} ?printer |
54. y^e said agreement was made in y^e presence & hearing of y^e said Humfry Dyson who was to put y^e same agreem^t in writing indifferently betwene them, And yo^r supp^{liant} also sheweth that y^e kings most excellent Ma^{tie} that now is did some yeares since by his letteres Patents vnder y^e greate seale of England grant vnto y^e said Bonham Norton y^e office of printer to his highness his heirs [conjectural: & successors] ?of ?all books [word illegible] |
55. greeke & lattin to be imprinted wth in this Realme, by reason whereof y^e said Bonham Norton at his owne costs and charges was from time to time in imprint such of y^e said bookes in y^e said languages as should be allowed & commanded to be imprinted by his Ma^{tie} or y^e State, After w^{ch} grant so made vnto y^e said Bonham Norton as aforesaid these bookes hereafter following amongst others were so [hole] ?co[mman]ded to be imprinted [words illegible] |
56. Bradwardines de causa Dei & y^e Archbishop of Spalatoes works, w^{ch} bookes or Copies amongst other Treatises in latin & greeke so commanded to be printed y^e said Bonham Norton conceaving that y^e printing therof would not yeeld him any benefit but rather some losse, refused to print y^e same, and he likewise refused buy such things as were fitting & necessary for y^e printing of such books vnless yo^r suppliant would therein ioyne [2 words illegible, conjectural: wth y^e] |
57. said Bonham Norton such was y^e said Bonham Nortons obstinancy & contempt therin as that his Ma^{tie} & y^e State hath therwth ben [~~3 words illegible~~] <not a litle> displeased, & y^e right hono^{ble} M^r Secretary Winwood in his life time requiring y^e said Bonham Norton to buy some things necessary for y^e printing of such like bookes by his Ma^{ts} commande, y^e said Bonham Norton refused to doe y^e same, Whereupon for y^e ?appeasing of y^e iust ?and ?pleasure of his ?law |
58. & of his ?hauing ?of Office of ?State & in due obedience to his Ma^{tie} & y^e State yo^r supp^{liant} was contented to ioyne and did ioyne wth y^e said Bonham Norton in y^e printing of y^e said bookes to yo^r supp^{liants} losse, Now so it is may it please yo^r hono^{ble} good lo^p that it appeareth by a Bill exhibited in y^t behalf into this hono^{ble} Court (since y^e said last assignem^t made by y^e said Barker of y^e office as aforesaid) by y^e said Robert Barker y^e father ?against yo^r said Bonham Norton |
59. & yo^r said supp^{liant} & by y^e proceeding ?therein & decree therevpon made that y^e said Bonham Norton both at & before y^e said signing of y^e said articles, & likewise both before, at, & sithence y^e making, sealing & deliuering of y^e said assignem^t in Nouemb^{er} 1617 professed & promised to y^e said Robert Barker y^e father that y^e things therein & therby granted should be for y^e good & benefitt of him y^e said Robert Barker & his children, & that y^e said Robert Barker y^e father would hold ?y^e |

60. office againe or at any time wth in a yeare after y^e said Assignmen^t y^e same should be reassigned thereupon to y^e said Robert Barker vpon y^e repaymen^{ts} of y^e monyes disbursed for y^e same, & that there should be a true account of y^e maine profitt of y^e said office made to y^e said Robert Barker, But it did not appeare by any depositions that yo^r supp^{liant} was privie to y^e said trust or any y^e promises so made by y^e said Bonham Norton to y^e said Robert Barker as aforesaid [2 words illegible] |

61. thereof doth manifestly appeare in y^e proceedings of yo^r said cause that yo^r said supp^{liant} was a puchasor of y^e said office & stock bona fide, and that yo^r said supp^{liant} neither before nor at y^e time of y^e subscribing of y^e said Articles, nor before nor at y^e time of y^e making, sealing, & deliuering y^e said assignmen^t did euer know or heare of any such trust or promises so made, but y^e said articles of agreemen^t & assignmen^t were subscribed sealed & deliuered by y^e said Robert Barker [word illegible] |

62. said somes vnto yo^r supp^{liant} as ?thereire deede absolutely wthout any trust confidence, condicōn or promise whatsoever for anything that yo^r said supp^{liant} heard or knew to y^e contrary, And yo^r said supp^{liant} by reason of y^e said promises so made by y^e said Bonham Norton to y^e said Barkers as aforesaid, hath ben driven to expend diuers great summes of money in defence of yo^r said supp^{liants} iust title, And yo^r said supp^{liant} by reason of y^e said Nortons ?promises made [word illegible] y^e said Barkers [2 words illegible] |

63. ?aforesaid is still molested & troubled & sued by y^e said Barkers And notwthstanding y^t y^e said decree made in that hono^{ble} Court in y^e said cause betwene y^e said Barker & y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said Supp^{liant} doth now onely extend, to y^e said Bonham Norton: yet by reason of an agreemen^t since made by y^e said Robert Barker y^e father & y^e said Bonham Norton y^e said Bonham Norton hath caused y^e said Robert Barker y^e fath^r & his said sons to make new demaunds of yo^r said supp^{liant} & to ?raise [4 words illegible] |

64. ?namely y^e said Robert Barker y^e fath^{er} pretends y^t yo^r said supp^{liant} doth owe vnto y^e said Xpofer Barker about 1200^{li} vpon an old account touching y^e said Copartnership of y^e said office, & also 1200^{li} to y^e said Bonham Norton vpon y^e said account, w^{ch} said summe of 1200^{li} pretended to be due as aforesaid vnto y^e said Bonham Norton by yo^r said supp^{liant} y^e said Bonham Norton hath assigned ouer vnto y^e said Robert Barker in some part of recompence & satisfacōn of that w^{ch} was prooued against him y^e said Norton [4 words illegible] |

65. times said that he would be glad that y^e said debtt might be prooued to be due by yo^r said supp^{liant}, & that he would giue to any person or persons whatsoever 50^{li} to proue y^e same, And furth^{er} y^e said Bonham Norton for y^e consideracōns aforesaid, or for some oth^r cause hath assigned or promised to assign vnto y^e said Robert Barker y^e father y^e said couenant so made by yo^r said supp^{liant} vnto y^e said Bonham Norton [word illegible] Bonham Nortons having againe y^e said office for ?2000^{li} in ?case yo^r said supp^{liant} ?died wthout yssue [word illegible] |

66. manner & formes as is before mencōned And thereupon y^e said Robert Barker hath to yo^r supp^{liants} disrepute, and to y^e much impaying of yo^r petition^{ers} creditt giuen forth speaches w^{ch} are come to y^e eares of yo^r supp^{liants} creditors y^t yo^r supp^{liant} hath but an estate during his life in y^e said office, And y^e said Robert Barker doth demand of yo^r said supp^{liant} 4000^{li} to deliuer vp to yo^r said peticōner to be cancelled, yo^r supp^{liants} said couenant, And y^e said Bonham Norton being trusted by yo^r supp^{liant} wth y^e said Xpofer Barkers ?deede of 4000^{li} & [word illegible] |

67. of y^e said Robert Barker Xpofer Barker & Robert Barker of 5000^{li} y^e rather to encourage & y^e better to enable y^e said Barkers to sue & molest yo^r said supp^{liant}, hath deliuered vp, & giuen vnto y^r said Xpofer Barker y^e said bond of 4000^{li}, & to y^e said Robert Barker, Xpofer Barker, & Robert Barker y^e said bond of 5000^{li}, so y^t vpon y^e whole matter & by y^t word illegible <diuerse> practises & confederacies had & made by & betwene y^e said Barkers & y^e said Bonham Norton, y^e said promises so made by y^e Bonham Norton to y^e said Barkers [5 words illegible] |

68. & defraude yo^r said supp^{liant} & to weary him out of y^e said office of his Ma^{ts} printer And y^e said Bonham Norton hath diuers times since y^e said couenant so made to him by yo^r said supp^{liant} as afore said contrary also to his promise in y^t behalf amongst others made as is before mencōned, come into yo^r said supp^{liants} house & in a most furious & violent manner hath giuen to yo^r petitioner many vile & scanderlous charges, as calling yo^r said supp^{liant} beggar, rouge, rastall and knaue, & one y^t ?was <wise ?not [word illegible] supp^{liants} [2 words illegible]> [4 words illegible] |

69. amongst other such vnbeseeming & reviling words and not onely so, but also hath assaulted & offered violence to yo^r said supp^{liant} as taking & pulling yo^r said supp^{liant} by y^e beard in his yo^r said supp^{liants} owne house, And furth^r so it is may it please yo^r good lo^p, y^t y^e said Bonham Norton contrary to his said promise in y^t behalf formerly made doth refuse to discharge yo^r said supp^{liant} of y^e said seuerall bonds wherin yo^r said supp^{liant} together wth him y^e said Bonham Norton & y^e said Robert Barker [3 words illegible] and bound [word illegible] |

70. Banckworth & to y^e said M^r Alderman Craven in y^e said seuerall summes in manner & forme as y^e same in y^t behalfe is before sett forth & expressed, And yo^r said supp^{liant} since y^e 2^d day of Nouemb^{er} in y^e yeare of yo^r lord god 1618 hath paid y^e said M^r Banckworth for y^e use of y^e said 1000^{li} principall money lent, 100^{li}, & to y^e executing of y^e last will & testamen^t of y^e said Alderman Craven deceased for y^e vse of y^e said 1500^{li} principall money lent, 150^{li}, And y^e said Bonham Norton doth [5 words illegible] |

71. shall pay one half of y^e said seuerall debttis now owing vnto y^e said M^r Banckworth & to the executors of y^e last will & testamen^t of y^e said Alderman Craven deceased & [word illegible] y^e purpose & for y^e avoyding of y^e promises w^{ch} he y^e said Bonham Norton hath made vnto yo^r said supp^{liant} for y^e discharging of y^e said debttis as aforesaid he y^e said Bonham Norton hath vsed diuers indirect ?to venous & subtile tricks that namely amongst oth^{ers} he hath caused y^e said seuerall bonds so made by ?him ?y^e ?said [4 words illegible] |

72. supp^{liant} & y^e said Bonham Norton since y^e first entring thervnto, to be in all their names renewed thereto hoping to defeate yo^r said supp^{liant} of y^e remedy w^{ch} he might haue at y^e common law against him y^e said Bonham Norton by reason of y^e said writing & other y^e promises w^{ch} he made to yo^r said supp^{liant} as is before mencōned because y^e said bonds so renewed doe beare date after y^e said Couenant in writing & <since the time of the> promises so made as aforesaid, And such [4 words illegible] |

73. that since y^e said agreemen^t by parcell made by & betweene yo^r said supp^{liant} & y^e said Bonham Norton touching yo^r said supp^{liants} buying of his y^e said Bonham Nortons moytie of, in, & to y^e said ioynt stock & Copartnership betwene y^e said Bonham Norton & yo^r said supp^{liant}, & of y^e monyes then remayning in y^e said ioynt stock amongst other things other then concerning y^e said office of his Ma^{ts} printer so bought from y^e said Barker and his said sonns as is before mencōned [4 words illegible] |

74. & parcell & vse [3 words illegible] sett downe in wryting by y^e said Humfrey Dyson as aforesd, y^e said Bonham Norton having occassion to vse some monies, & knowing y^t yo^r said supp^{liant} had some monyes in his hand w^{ch} before y^e said agreemen^t by parcell did belong vnto y^e said ioynt stock so passed by parcell to yo^r said supp^{licant} from him y^e said Bonham Norton as is before mencōned, did come vnto yo^r said supp^{licant} intreating yo^r said petitioner to lend vnto him y^e said Bonham Norton 150^{li} of [5 words illegible] |
75. [word illegible] handes so past vnto y^e said Petitioned from y^e said Bonham Norton vpon these great consideracōns before expressed y^e said Bonham Norton then faithfully promising & protesting vnto yo^r said supp^{liant}, that he would well & truly repay vnto yo^r said supp^{liant} all y^e said summe of 150^{li} of good & lawfull money of England at, or before y^e first day of paymen^t of y^e said 5300^{li}, so to be paid by yo^r said supp^{liant} vnto y^e said Bonham Norton as is before mencōned & [5 words illegible] |
76. [word illegible] of yo^r said Humphrey Dyson And ther vpon yo^r said supp^{liant} hauing affyance in his y^e said Bonham Nortons promise, did lend vnto y^e said Bonham Norton 150^{li} of lawfull money of England, to be repayed vnto yo^r said supp^{liant} in manner & forme before mencōned, & afterward viz^t y^e 9th day of July last y^e said Humfrey Dyson did set downe in writing by way of Indenture of Couenant y^e said agreemen^t betweene yo^r said supp^{liant} & y^e said Bonham Norton [3 words illegible] |
77. [5 words illegible] by yo^r said supp^{liant} & y^e said Bonham Norton y^e one to the other but in y^e said Indentures there are as y^e said Bonham Norton now pretends such generall words as y^t by y^e rigor y^e common laws of this kingdome they doe cutt off & depriued yo^r supp^{liant} not onely of all remedy w^{ch} yo^r supp^{licant} can haue for y^e recouery of y^e said 150^{li}, but also for y^e recouering of 40^{li}, of lawfull English money owing to yo^r said petitioner [4 words illegible] |
78. [5 words illegible] & enioying of diuers books printed at y^e costs & charges of yo^r said supp^{liant} as aforesaid, w^{ch} were made by y^e Archbisho^{ps} Bradwardine & Spalato <amongst others> being worth aboue 300^{li}, w^{ch} said last mencōned Indentures of Couenants if they doe so depriue yo^r supp^{liant} of y^e said sumes of money & other things due to yo^r said supp^{liant} as is before alleadged the same was vtterly against y^e true intent & meaning of yo^r said supp^{liant} & against y^e said [word illegible] promisses [2 words illegible] |
79. [4 words illegible] & Humphrey Dyson & ?hoping that he should haue & enioy all the said things for w^{ch} he paid so deare a price, & being vnskillfull in y^e point of law did seale & deiluer vnto y^e said Bonham Norton y^e said Indentures of Couenants wherein if that be true w^{ch} y^e said Bonham Norton before affirmes & challenges in y^t behalf yo^r said supp^{liant} is circumvented by y^e said Bonham Norton <& Humphrey Dyson> contrary to [2 words illegible] |
80. [3 words illegible] supp^{liants} whose estate ?was also estate of diuers of his friends who stand ?enagaged [2 word illegible] doe depend vpon y^e equity of y^e promises, & that yo^r supp^{liant} hath noe inuoyces to be releued but in this hono^{ble} Court against y^e said deeds so made by him vpon trust, confidence, conditions & promises as is before mencōned, and because yo^r supp^{liant} hath noe meanes at y^e common law to recouer y^e said debt & other [2 words illegible] |
81. [5 words illegible] before alleadged and for y^t yo^r supp^{liant} cannot sufficiently proued as he should y^e matters before by him alleadged against y^e said Bonham Norton & y^e said Humfrey Dyson, because they were for y^e most part donne in priuate by & betwene yo^r

said supp^{liant}, & y^e said Bonham Norton & Humfrey Dyson, w^{ch} yo^r said supp^{liant} hopes y^t y^e said Bonham Norton & y^e said Humfrey Dyson will confesse [5 words illegible] |

83. [6 words illegible] by & betwene y^e said Barkers & y^e said Bonham Norton & the said Dyson to vex, molest, and defraude yo^r said petitioner of & concerning those things w^{ch} yo^r said supp^{liant} hath so dearely bought, and of and concerning other y^e promises wherof yo^r said supp^{liant} hath not as yet sufficient notice and knowledge, but hopeth that y^e said Bonham Norton & Humfrey Dyson [3 words illegible] |

85. [5 words illegible] may then so it please yo^r hono^{ble} good Lo^p to grant vnto yo^r said Supp^{liant} his Ma^{ts} most gracious Writte of Subpœna directed vnto y^e Bonham Norton & Humfrey Dyson, commanding them and euery to appear before yo^r hono^{ble} good Lo^p at a certaine time & place, and vnder a certaine payne therein & thereby to be ?bound & ?appoint that |

86. [5 words illegible] seale & every y^e said promises, and to stand to abide and performe such direction and order concerning the premises as to yo^r lo^p in yo^r greate and hono^{ble} wisdom shalbe thought meete, and to be consonant, and to stand wth equitie and good conscience And? yo^r sayd Supp^{liant}, according to his bounden duetie will euer pray for yo^r [*conjectural*: Lops] long [*conjectural*: life].

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