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comes and defends the force and injury when he is
and saith that he is not guilty of the trespasses of and
and battery in manner and form as the plaintiff
against him in the declaration hath complained and
that he prays may be enquired of by the plaintiff and
the county likewise.

Rich. Richs. P^y } In Chancery
John Tho^s Blom. L^{ft} }

On the motion of the P^y by his attorney a commission is awarded him to North Carolina to take depositions giving legal notice of the time and place of executing the same.

An Acco^t Current of the estate of John Adams was this day return'd by the persons appointed to settle the same and ordain'd to be recorded.

Carvin Gray this day took the usual oaths to his Majesty's person and government and took and subscribed the abjuration oath and subscribed the test as also the oath of a justice of oyer and Terminer of a justice of peace and judge in chancery.

a commission from his excellency the governor to Charles Briggs dated the 25th Octo^r 1771 to be sheriff of this county during pleasure was produced in court by the said Charles Briggs and read and thereupon he together with John Thomas Blom & Henry Briggs gentlemen his security enter'd into and acknowledge their Bond in the penalty of one thousand pound payable and condition'd as in the said condition is directed and then the said Briggs having first taken the oaths appointed by act of parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance, and supremacy and taken and subscribed the abjuration oath and subscribed the test was sworn sheriff of this county.

William Hines Thomas Ridley John Simmons and Arthur Foster having first taken the usual oaths to his Majesty's person and government taken & subscribed the abjuration oath and test were on the approbation of the court sworn under sheriff.

Ordain'd that Henry Taylor James Steeling and Benjamin Barkham and John Taylor or any two of them examine the state and settle an acco^t Current of Henry Jarrell and make report thereof to this court.