sworne who are theire Underscheriffes Donnty Clarkes
and other deputies, who doe respectively undertake
to execute all the ordinary duties belonging to theire
Office of high Sheriffe. And this defendt saith
that hee this defendt shortly after hee was
made Sheriffe of the said Donnty of Wiltes (2)
before the begynning of the said Parliament
in the said Informacon mencioned did depute and
appointe one Giles Birch gent to be his Under-
scheriffe of the said Donnty of Wiltes and one
other person to be his Donnty Clarke and other
persons were also appointed to be deputies and
Bayliffes for the better executing of this defte
said Office of Sheriffewicke, who were as this
defendt thinketh sworne to execute theire said places
according to the lawe and did in theire persons as
hee thinketh and beleeveth as also hee this defendt
respectively did in his owne attend the execucon
of this defendte said Office of Sheriffewicke at all
such tymes as was requisit and did well and
truly execute the same as this defendt thinketh
wch hee is induced so to thinke, for that this
defendt hath not as yet bene questioned otherwise
then by the said Informacon for any neglect
either by them or by himselfe of his said Office
or dutie or trust belonging to the same, nor for
any undue execucon of the same And as to
the supposed wicked wilfull and Corrupt periury
and

and wilfull and periurious violacon and breaking
of the oath mencioned in the said Informacon
and of the trust Committed to him this defdt and
of the duty of his this defdte place and
Office of Sheriffe and the supposed Contempt
of the lawes of this Realme therein and the
Defendte Causing and procuring himselfe to bee
Chosen a Cittizen for the said Cittie of Bath
to serve in the Parliament mencioned in the
said Informacon and all other the offences (3)
misdemeanors layd to this defendte Charge
in and by the said Informacon wch are examy-
nable or punishable in this Honorable Court
Thereunto hee this defendt answeareth and
saieth That hee is not of the same nor of
any of them guilty in such manner and forme
as in and by the said Informacon is pretended
All wch hee this defendt is and wilbe ready
to mayntayne (3) prove as this Honorable Court
shall awarde And humbly praieth to bee hence
dismissed wch his reasonable Costs and Charges
in this behalfe wrongefully sustayned

Ex. et Concordat cum originali
Hooker

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