Maryland Charles County ss. At a Special Court of Oyer & Terminer and Goal Delivery of the Right Honorable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore, and by Virtue of a Commission from his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of our said Province of Maryland &c. held at Charles Town in the County aforesd. on the 16th day of June in the 5th year of our said Lord Lord Dominion &c. Annoq Domini 1755

Before the Honorable

Gustavus Brown, Thomas Stone, Allard Davis & William Elbeck Gentlemen Justices Thereunto Legally Authorized and Assigned

Geo Dent Gentleman Sheriff
Benjamin Tendall Esq.

ARCHIVES OF STATE OF MARYLAND

Damall Lord Proprietary Indictment, Conspiracy, Felony

vs

William Shatton Conduct of Indict

Charles County to wit, The Jurors of the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary for the Body of Charles County do upon their oath Present that William Shatton Late of Charles County aforesaid Not having the fear of God before his Eyes but being moved and Seduced by the Instigation of the Devil on the 10th day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred fifty and five at Charles County aforesd. out of his malice Prepense & forethought wilfully wickedly and feloniously gave to Certain Jeremiah Chase of Charles County aforesd. Gentleman Master in the Peace of God and the said Lord Proprietary being Certain Boiled milk and bread to Eat with which said milk Certain Poisonous Herbs and Powder to the Jurors unknown Were Intermixed which said milk the aforesd. Jeremiah Chase then and there with a Spoon held in his Right hand he the said Eat Whereupon the said Jeremiah Chase Instantly Sickned and from the aforesd. tenth day of January in the year aforesd. at Charles County aforesd. Languished untill the Second day of April in the year aforesd. on which said Second day of April in the year aforesd. the aforesd. Jeremiah Chase by Eating the milk aforesd. so as aforesd. Intermixed with Poisonous Herbs Powder & Poison Prince Georges County to wit at Charles County aforesd. Dyed and so the Jurors aforesd. upon their Oath aforesd. Present that William Shatton aforesd. the aforesd. Jeremiah Chase at Charles County aforesd. in manner and form aforesd. out of his Malice forethought Wilfully wickedly Spitefully and feloniously with the Poison aforesd. killed and murdered against the Peace of the said Lord Proprietary his good Rule and Government and Contrary to the form of the Act of Parliament made in the Reign of Edward the Sixth Late King of England, held at Westminster in the County of Middlesex in the first Year of his Reign in Such Cases made and Provided

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On the Back of the forgoing Indictment was the following Indorsement Viz.t

Bella Vera Dandridge foreman

Whereupon the aforesd. William Shatton in the Custody of the Sheriff in Company George Dent Gentleman in whose Custody for the Cause aforesd. before then he was Committed, to the Bar here brought in his proper person is again Committed into the Custody of the Sheriff aforesd.

(and)