August the 3rd 1697:

The ffollowing Sherriffs made return of Citation to them Directed (viz)
George Lingan Sherriffe of Calvert County
Nicholas Lowe Sherriffe of Talbott County
Richard Beard Sherriffe of Annarrundell County
Capt John Bayne Sherriffe of Charles County

4 Ditto — Was Exhibited Inventory of the estate of John ffoll late of Talbott County Deceased Under the hands and Seales of John Needles & Richard Endley appraisers thereunto appointed amounting to 103lb 13s 10 Sterling the wch was Ordered to be Recorded

Ditto — Was Exhibited Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Cooke late of Talbott County Deceased Under the hands & Seales of Nicholas Milburne & Robert Dingle appraisers thereunto appointed amounting to 87lb 15s 5d Sterling & ordered to be Recorded

Ditto — John Elfey of Calvert County being attached Entred his appearance & Lett as follows

Sr

I promised yo Hon to bring mr Briscoes acts which I have sent in the whole but I did not to have brought all particulars but it has pleased God to visitt me with much sickness that I could not finish them I am very ill and not able to ride to my Neighbours with those papers & therefore Need requires yo shall Condiscend any time after our County Court when yo Hon or mr Barrott shall thinke Convenient if mr Barrott would have paid one it might have been, I was able to goe out of the Court not to doe the Court business according to ye Act of Assembly what I have Done I was forced to doe by night of mr Briscoes Business I shall doe my to finish all as fast as I am able & you please to Command Your Humb Servt

John Elfey

Upon the receiving of the above Lett & wth a list of the Creditors amounting to 35s 7 22lb of tobacco & not better satisfaction Given Ordered that another Attachment of Contempt issue agt the sd Elfey return the Second Tuesday of Octob next

Issued out

August the 4th 1697:

Hugh Ellis of Calvert County being Cited to Shew Cause why he doth not pay the Legacyes due to the Orphans of Mordica Hunton, Entred his appearance and Saith he is ready to pay the Ballance due to them they Giving good Security to Indemnifye him agt Ofdens Estate —

Then to wittt the 9th Dto Came Philip Parks Executor of Eliza & Ann Hunton two of the Orphans of the above said Mordica Hunton deceased and Exhibited there Libell against the above said Hugh Ellis the which is Ordered to be filled and Citation issued out to answer the same

Ditto — Richard Hoare being attached by a writt of Contempt Entred his appearance as follows Lett (viz)

Sr

8o August 1697:

I was fully Designed to have been at yo Court at Annapolis but am so lame that am not able to ride for Farr Soliciting you be pleased to Excuse me (but God willing & health permitting) Shall not faile being at the next Court and then hope Shall be capable of makeing up acts wth you for Hopswells Thatchers, Kings & Hills Estates wch now Cannott for Either, Bray Sr doe not imputte my not Comming to any thing of Contempt or Disrespect for doe assure you its no such thing if you please I C wait upon you at home when I heare you are there pray please by Coll Bigger to send me with a line or two and you Infinitly Oblige Sr Yo humb Servt

Richard Hoare

Then Was Exhibited the Last Will & Testam of Francis Hill late of St Marys County Deceased proved by the two Witnesses thereunto. the wch is Ordered to be Recorded

The said Testat Having appointed his wife Dame Daughter Eliza Hopswell Sole Exx & since Married wth Richard Hoare Lett Testamy was to them Granted and Entred Into bond wth Tho: Morry their Security in 50lb Ster the wch is Ordered to be filed

Ditto — Came Samuell Manthorp and in behalfe of mad Katerine Herman of Cecill County Craved further time till Octob Court to return Bond & Inventory of the Estate of Casparus Augustin Herman Deceased — Granted —