Evidence against the said William Stafford to the grand Jury at the Provinciall Court
mentioned in the Declaration aforesaid as the said William Stafford hath most fraudu-
lently falsely maliciously and Scandalously abused in the Declaration set forth And further
Sayth that the said William Stafford is and is guilty of the Crimes in the Declaration
above mentioned in manner and forme as the said William Stafford on Record in this
Court stands accused and convicted of this present And this he is ready to verify —
averre by the Record of the same Court as otherwise And therefore prayth
Judgment if the said William Stafford ought to have
And the said William Stafford by the said Attorney sayth that he ought not to be
barred of his Action for any thing above alledged And of this craves Judgment
of this Court
And the said Thomas Cornish by the said Attorney sayth and in his plea above
mentioned that he is not guilty of the premisses aforesaid And this he prayed
may be enquired of by the Country And the plaintiffe likewise
Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that the Sheriffe of St Maries County shall
cause three lawfull men by whome the truth of the matter may better be knowne
come before the Court on Wednesday next to recognize &c
because afterwards &c
At which said day and Thursday the 8th day of March in the yeare aforesaid came the
said parties by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Jurors Impannelled being called
likewise came (to wit) Richard Hazard, John Hood, Robert Read, Philip Lynes
Thomas Wickliffe, John Bloomes, Thomas Lord, Samuel Lord, Matthew Curtis
William Comerford, John Parsons & Thomas Lord Who being tried tryed and
sworne to say the truth of the premisses Upon their Oathes doe say that the de
Thomas Cornish is guilty of Suborning witnesses against the said William
Stafford, and they assesse the Damages of the said William to twenty thousand
pounds of tobacco, Whereupon the Jurors aforesaid being read and heard
the said Thomas Cornish by the Attorney aforesaid moved in arrest of Judgment
and prayed day until the next Provincial Court to assigne the reasons for
Arresting the same And it is granted unto him, and the said day is given to the
plaintiffe likewise
At which day (to wit) the 5th and twentieth day of June in the yeare
of our Lord 1683 aforesaid came the said William Stafford by the Attorney
aforesaid and offered himself against the said Thomas Cornish of and upon
the premisses aforesaid but the said Thomas Cornish came not but made default
Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said William Stafford
recover against the said Thomas Cornish as well the aforesaid summe of twenty
thousand pounds of tobacco damages by the Jurors aforesaid in forme
aforesaid assessed as also the summe of three thousand two hundred and fifty
pounds of tobacco for Costs of suite And the said Defendant in mercy &c

Allowed to Mr John Furling for coming going and attendance to testifie for the Lord
Proprietary and for William Stafford against Thomas Cornish in debt under dayed at 60
lbs the said day to be paid out of the said Cornish's estate after the Award Judgment
is satisfied

Ordered that the three men that were prest by the Sheriffe of St Maries County
by order of the Lords the Lord Proprietary and also hereby allowed the summe of
fifteen pounds of tobacco a day for securing the estate of the said Thomas Cornish
to be paid out of the said estate after the aforesaid Judgment is satisfied, And that
all the witnesses that were summoned by the Lords to testifie on the said Thomas
Cornish and by the said Thomas Cornish be satisfied out the estate but that
the aforegoing Judgment be first satisfied

William Colbourne
ag
John Clarke

John Clarke late of Calvert County Marchant was attached to answer unto
William Colbourne in a plea of trespasse & ffe-cass
And thereupon the said William Colbourne by Anthony Underwood his Attorney Complaines
That Whereas the said John Clarke the first day of March 1680 at Patuxent River in
Calvert County aforesaid was indebted unto the said William Colbourne for Sloop hyre
the summe of fifteene hundred pounds of tobacco, the said John Clarke in like and
the same Assumpt upon himself and to the said William Colbourne faithfully promis-
ed that he the said John him the said William the said summe of fifteene hundred pounds
of tobacco when thereunto required would well and truly content and pay, Yett notwithstan-
ding the said John Clarke his promise and assumption aforesaid to the said William soe as
aforesaid made not regarding but craftily and fraudulently intending him the said William
in this behalfe craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the said summe of fifteene
hundred pounds of tobacco the said John to him the said William hath not payd accord-
ing to his promise aforesaid although the said John by him the said William to God
the same hath been often thereunto required (to wit) the fourth and twentyth day of March a
presently after in the yeare aforesaid in the County aforesaid, but the same to pay hath denyed & still doth denye
to the Damage of the said William three thousand pounds of tobacco and thereupon he
brings his Suite
And the said John Clarke by Robert Carvile his Attorney comes and defends the force
& injury when &c and prayth Liberty to Imparle thereunto until the next Provincial
Court and it is granted unto him And the same day is given to the pltff likewise
At which day to wit the second day of July in the eighth yeare of the Dominion of the
Right Honble the Cravtor Lord Baltimore &c Anno Domi 1683 came the said pltff by their
Attorneys aforesaid And the said John Clarke by the said Attorney sayth that he did not
Assume upon himself and to the said William in like sort promise as the said William above
against him hath declared And of this he puts himself upon the Country And the pltff also
the like whereupon the Sheriffe of St Maries County that he cause to come here on the
day by whome &c and who neither &c to Recognize &c because &c
On which said second day of July in the yeare aforesaid came the said pltff by their Attorneys
aforesaid And the Jurors Impannelled being called likewise came to wit, Sylvanus Grave
James Dingle Mark Pheo Samuel Hanson Thomas Sikes Humphrey Jones, Edward
Ward, Richard Beacon, Bryan Daley, John Smith, William Rowles & Thomas Hopkins
Who being tried tryed and Sworne to say the truth in the premisses Upon their Oathes
Doe say that the said John Clarke doth Assume upon himself and to the said William
Colbourne make such promise as the said William hath above declared against him &
thereupon assesse the damages of the said William to fifteene hundred pounds of tobacco
Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said William Colbourne
recover against the said John Clarke Marcer the aforesaid summe of fifteen hundred
pounds of tobacco damages by the Jurors aforesaid in forme aforesaid assessed as
also the summe of two thousand three hundred and nineteen pounds of tobacco for Costs
of suite And the said Defendant in mercy &c

Stephen Bearcroft and Edmund Buckridge
and
Richard Swanham

Richard Swanham was attached to answer unto Stephen Bearcroft and
Edmund Buckridge in a plea of trespass & ffe-cass
And Whereupon the said Stephen and Edmund by Martin Kilpatrick their Attorney
complayning that Whereas the said Richard Swanham the 28th day of November Anno
Domi 1678 stood indebted unto the said Stephen and Edmund the summe of three thousand fifty
hundred pounds of tobacco for diverse goods and Merchandizes then bought had & received
of them the said Stephen and Edmund, to wit one Axe of brandy Eight hundred pounds
of tobacco One three pipe of Rhenish wyne at Eight hundred pounds of tobacco &
pipe Amounting to the summe of three thousand Eight hundred pounds of tobacco