Mitchatt Miller
ag.
Jamed Knigold

Marylands} Jamed Knigold late of Aken t County Gen[t] was attached to answer unto Mitchatt Miller of a plea of trespass upon the case &c.
And whereupon the said Mitchatt by Thomas Burford his Attorney) &c. complaineth that whereas the said Mitchatt is a true good faithfull and honest subject of the King that now is and has been a true good faithfull and honest subject of our Sovereign Lord the King that now is and hitherto hath carried and behaved himself and of good name fame and conversation and greatly esteemed amongst his neighbours and other honest and worthy inhabitants of this province to whom the said Mitchatt was well known without any suspition of any theft felony or robbery or any other the like vile crime by the whole time aforesaid (and ought to have continued) yet the said James not ignorant of the premisses but minding and maliciously intending the said Mitchatt not only in his good name fame credit and estimation aforesaid wickedly to hurt defame and make odious but also to indanger and bring him the said Mitchatt under the pains and penalties by the laws of this province provided against hoggstealing the 28th day of March in the 33d year of our Lord 1682 at Kent County aforesaid falsly and maliciously without any colour or cause of hoggstealing by the said Mitchatt committed the said James then and there gave information to the Jurors of the Grand Inquest for the said County of Kent then and there sworn for the said County of Kent before the Justices of the Right honble the Lord Proprietary of this province aforesaid to hear and determine divers felonies trespasses and other misdemeanors in the said County then and there done did then and there falsly and maliciously impose upon him the said Mitchatt the crime of hoggstealing by him the said Mitchatt supposed to be done and then and there caused a certain Bill of Indictment to be written against the said Mitchatt containing in it this false and fraudulent matter following (that is to say) That the said Mitchatt by the name of Mitchatt Miller of the County of Kent aforesaid yeoman together with William Harris of the same County Cooper the 29th day of January in the 33d year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty and one did a certain plank called the Townsend fortieth in the said County out of Hogg market bigg two Square pieces taken from under the right end and a Square board standing in the middle and two Square pieces taken off the topp of the left end and a Square piece off standing behind on the topp of the said end being the proper goods and chattells of the said James Knigold of the said County Kent then and there with force and armes &c. did feloniously kill and take away against the peace of the Lord Proprietary and the Act of Assembly in that case made and provided and that the said Bill of Indictment in form aforesaid written containing in it the false malitious & fraudulent matter before recited the said James afterwards to wit the same day and year aforesaid caused to be delivered to the Jurors of the Grand Inquest for the said County of Kent then and there sworn and sworn upon their Charge in that behalf to enquire and true presentment to make of the matter in the said Bill specified Charging it to enquire and true presentment to make of the said Crime by the said James afterwards to wit the day and year aforesaid at Kent County aforesaid before the Justices aforesaid then and there assigned to hear and determine divers felonies trespasses and other misdemeanors in the said County done and committed which said false malitious & fraudulent matter in the said Bill specified the said Jurors of the Grand Inquest upon their corporall oath to be given that the aforesaid matter in the said Bill and false fayned and fraudulent guile the said James maliciously craftily and deceitfully in writing put and contrived in truth the matter aforesaid in the said Bill specified not to be true but false fayned and fraudulent guile the said James maliciously craftily and deceitfully in writing put and contrived as it doth appear to the said Court here of record and the said Jurors of the Grand 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