Sr I wonder mure why you above the rest
should harbour malice so long in your breast
In five yeares time a man might well have thought
you might have rambled one poore shitt — fault
twas not contempt nor was it time intent
from your commaunds my person to absent —
But twas necessity, nature the cause
which made me suffer by your penall lawes
Court philosophy is too strong a creature to worke
it works not on the body but on the purse
Five hundred pounds I doe it is too dear
You'l have but little practice I dare sware
I'le bye another doctor his may cause
to be more kind, his practice I'le advance
I pay I aver that doctor is a fool
Thus helpe your hon: to a tobacco stool.

Bold

October the Third 1685. Came again the said Edward Sparke and
upon full hearing and determination of his premisses It is con-
sidered and ordered by the Court here That the said Edward Sparke
(having confessed the libell aforesaid) for his punishment for doing
and writing the same It is committed to the Sheriffe of St. Maries
County there to remaine prisoner during the space of three mo-
nthes without Baile —
Then the said Edward Sparke came and petitioned to the said Hen-
ry Darnall in particular and the Rest of the Honoble in generall
as followeth —

To the Hono: Colo Henry Darnall one of his Lordpps
Councillors of the provinciall Court in particular and
the Rest of his Lordpps Councillors in Court sitting —

The humble petition of Edward Sparke of Calvert County in
the province of Maryland —

Humbly sheweth

That whereas your hon: pet: stands convicted of a grosse
Indiscreet Calumny in a libellous way committed against your hon:
Reputation and Integrity not without scandalous not in scoul
scandalous Reflection upon the honoble Government of this province
considering the high place of trust his Lordpp the K: honoble the Lord
Proprietary has bestowed in pleased to confer upon your hono: for
which your hon: pet: is infinitely sorry that he could spare no
endeavour within his power to expiate this fault and make due
compensation to yo: hon: But the punishment the hon: Court
have thought fit to inflict upon me being such as must of
necessity involve the innocent with the guilty my wife and
children with me in the suffering I beg the Court of Appeall
would (taking my misfortune by your hon: loose and condrousity)
I cannot think your hon: does desire

Yet I doe therefore humbly pray that your hon: will be graciously
pleased to remit the K: corporall punishment and to your hon: good
not yo: justly misapprehended) shall appeare to be worthy your hon: to restore
upon yo: humble petitioner and he both as in duty shall by yo: hon:
kind mercy bound shall ever pray &c

Thereupon the aforesaid third day of October 1685 The said Colo Henry
Darnall desired that the said Edward Sparke might be remitted his
punishment aforesaid in the rest of the Gentlemen with the Court were
so pleased — It is therefore ordered by the said Court here That
the said punishment be is remitted, and then the said Edward
Sparke was discharged by proclamation paying his fees —

John Coode offt. Maries County called to the Barr of this Court for
giving very abusefull words to the Hono: William Digges Esqr —
30 Sep: 1685 and ordered to pay security for his abearance and appearance at
provinciall Court — Then came into Court the said John Coode
together with Peter Sayer of Talbot County Gent his security and the said
John Coode did acknowledge himself to owe unto his Lordship the Lord
Proprietary the summe of twenty pounds sterling and the said Peter Sayer in
twenty pounds sterling to be levyed on the lands tenements goods and chattels
of them or either of them to his Lordpps use If the said John Coode
shall not make his personall appearance at the next provinciall Court
and in the mean time be of good abearance towards his Lordpp
all his good people of this province —

Came Alice Coatts offt. Maries County with Marmaduke Brome her
security and the said Alice Coatts became bound to the K: Hono:
Lord Proprietary in twenty pounds sterling and the said Marmaduke Brome
30. ditto security in fifty pounds sterling to be levyed on the goods chattels
lands or tenements of them or either of them respectively If the
said Alice Coatts shall not make her personall appearance at the
next provinciall Court and in the mean time be of good abearance
towards his Lordpp and all his good people of this province

The Sheriffe of Calvert County returned over in open Court the Sheriffe offt
30. ditto Maries County the bodyes of Richard Lanson John Edwards Robert Ad-
ams Fowler and Joseph Trumbleton —

The Sheriffe of Charles County returned over in open Court to the Sheriffe
30. offt. Maries County the body of Adam Thompson —

The Sheriffe of Cecill County returned over in open Court to the Sheriffe
30. offt. Maries County the bodyes of Folsin Oldfield and Mary Odell —

Maryland ss.

Be it remembered that the K: Hono: the Lord Proprietary of this province upon his
oath did present Mary Gouldy late of Sunderset County spinster
for that she to Thomas Rod late of Sunderset County planter and then
wife of her real husband the said Mary Gouldy having not the feare of God
before her eyes but being led and seduced by the instigation of the divell
the eighth day of August in the yeare of our Lord 1685 in the mansion
house of the said Thomas Rod in Sunderset County aforesaid with
force and armes in and upon the said Thomas then her husband
of the said Thomas Rod and christian of her the said Mary Gouldy —