The Sheriff of Baltimore County summoned an inquest upon the bodys of Richard Perkins John Morgan & Elizabeth his wife stranged with a knife and Elizabeth his wife he presented to the Sheriff of St Maryes County:

Hugh Hamilton and Robert Cooper being bound to appear this Court, made their personall appearance wch was accepted by the Court, and upon their humble submission was acquitted

Their Maj.tys
Cas.
Thos: Courtney } Maryland ss: The Jurors for our Soveraigne Lord and Lady the King and Queene upon their oathes do present Thomas Courtney of St Maryes County Servant plaintiff for that he the said Thomas Courtney the 20th day of September in the year of our Lord 1689: not having the fear of God before his Eyes but being moved by the Instigation of the Devill of his malice forethought with force and armes in and upon one Mary Gower a subject of Their Majtys an assault did make and the One knife of the value of Twelve pence being the proper knife of the said Thomas Courtney the left eare of the said Mary Gower, with designe to the said Mary to dismember her and thereby did feloniously cutt off contrary to the peace and an act of parliament in that case made provided

Georg: Plowden Esq Prosecutor. } plaintiff Attorney Gnll.
Mary Gower —

Which said presentment being read the said Thomas Courtney was left to the Barr: who humbly prayd Counsell might be admitted to plead to the same as to matter of law: Plowden Mr. Kittlebury Chesdyn was by favour of the Court he was assigned him: Upon wch the said presentment was again read and it appearing to the Court that foreacle misfeasance was therein contained: Therefore the said presentment all proceedings thereon was quashed

Upon motion made to this Court by Gilbert Clark ordered that Thomas Holladay by all Convenient speed lead to the Clerk of this Court a sufficient Bond all these bills & papers belonging to the said Clerk dec.d from Richd Smith Michael Gorey and Cecile: Fulgrena:

Matthew Lord Joseph Talbot surviving for Dan: & Geo: being in Court the body of the said Geo: who is committed to the custody of the Sheriff of St Maryes County. And the said Jurors discharged by the Court their Recognizances. Adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine a Clock:

All Their Majtys Prominciall Court held for the Province of Maryland at the Citty of St Maryes the first day of October in the fourth year of Their Majtys reigne Anno Dni 1692 and continued untill the tenth of the same month

Wm Penn
His Excy the Governor
Colll Nicha: Blakiston
Sr Thomas Lawrence
Major Robert King
Colll Nicha: Greenbury
Mr Thomas Tench } Justices

The hon.ble

Maryland ss

Then was produced and read in open Court Their Majtys New Commission for this Court wherein is inserted the Hon.ble Colll Francis Nicholson, wch follows verb.

William and Mary by the Grace of God King and Queene of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith &c to our trusty and welbeloved Lionel Copley Esq Captain Francis Nicholson Colll Nicholas Blakiston Sr Thomas Lawrence Baronett Colll Henry Sowles Colll George Robotham Major Nicholas Greenbury Mr Thomas Tench Major Robert King doctor John Brooke & Capt John Addison greeting Know ye that we have assigned you and every of you Jointly and severally our Justices to keepe our Peace in our Said Province of Maryland and to keepe and cause to be kept all Ordinances and Statutes made for the good of the peace and for conservation of the same and for the Quiet Rule and Government of our People in all and every the Articles here of within our Said Province according to the force forme & effect of the same and to chastise and punish all persons offending agt the forme of those Ordinances and Statutes or any of them as according to the forme of those Ordinances shall be fitt to be done We have also assigned you the said Lionel Copley Esq to be Chiefe Justice of our Said Provincial Court of our Said Province and you the said Francis Nicholson Nicholas Blakiston, Sr Thos: Lawrence Henry Sowles George Robotham, Nicholas Greenbury Thomas Tench Robert King John Brooke and John Addison — Justices of our Said Court willing by these presents constituting that our said Chiefe Justice and Justices aforesaid or any four or more of them of which any of you the said Lionel Copley Esq Francis Nicholson Nicholas Blakiston Sr Thomas Lawrence Henry Sowles George Robotham Nicholas Greenbury and Thomas Tench — shall be always One Justices sufficient to hold a Court Cheivell to enquire by the oathes of good and