Maryland ss

At a Provinciall Court Begun and held at the Port of Annapolis the thirtieth day of August in the Seuth Year of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c and in the Year of our Lord one thousand Six hundred Ninety and Eight Before his Majestyes Justices Thereunto Authorized and appointed (viz)

The Honble Robert Smith Esqr President

Major John Hammond	Capt Philip Hoskins
Capt Richard Hill	Col John Thompson
Capt Thomas Sasser	Capt James Keech
Mr Thomas Slaby	Capt John Hawkins

and Thomas Sasser Capt Philip Hoskins Mr Thomas Slaby and Col John Thompson Rd being present at the last Provinciall Court and being included in the Said Commission made their Appearance and were sworn according to Usuall Manner and took their places Accordingly

Capt Richard Smith of Calvert County being bound by Recognizance to appear at this Court this day made his Appearance and Proclamation being made for Evidences and None appearing the said Richard was thereupon discharged from the Same

The Grand Jurye for the Body of this Province being impannelled was called over and personally appeared these following (viz)

William Darloe	Thomas Reeves
Saml Howard	Robert Hughes
Thomas Hemdwood	Thomas Cherry
Abraham Taylor	John Wyatt
William Hollis	Jacob Gibson
John Manning	Andrew Parker
Christopher Slayne	Anthony Thompson
Richard Jones	Saml Handy
Harry Hardy	

who being sworne and having their Charge given them withdrew to Consider thereon

Robert Daule and Elizabeth his wife the said Elizabeth being examined apart according to Act of Assembly acknowledged in open Court a Deed of Land unto Mr Stephen ffrance of the Colony of Virginia

George Jackson of Ann Arundell County Merchant being bound for his appearance at good behaviour Untill this Court made his personally appearance and having the Oathes of Allegiance and Abjuration tendered him and took the same and Subscribed the Oath and was thereupon discharged from his said Bond

Robert Carr of Saint Marys County being brought up in the Custody of Saint Marys Sheriff at the suit of William Bladen in a plea of Debt for forty two thousand pounds of Tobacco was bound over into the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County in open Court

The King ag Philip Clark

Maryland ss The Jurors of our Soveraigne Lord the King for the Body of this Province upon their oathes doe present that Philip Clarke late of St Marys County gent for that whereas by a certaine act of Assembly of this Province made at a Gen Assembly begunne and held at the City of St Marys the 10th day of May in the Year of our Lord 1692 Entitulled an Act ag Disulgers of false News among other things it is therein contained that whosoever after the passing the said Act Shall maliciously and advisedly by writing Speaking or otherwise Express Utter Publish or Declare any words Sentences or other thing or things to the Defaming or Scandall of their Majties Govern or Comand in Chiefe for the time being & thereof legally Convict Shall be Imprisoned Six monthes without Bayle or Maine Prize and Incurr Such Forfeiture as the Justices before whome Such matter is tryed Shall adjudge not Exceeding the Summe of Tenn Thousand pounds of Tobacco to our Soveraigne Lord and Lady the King and Queene their heires and Successors for the Supports of Government as by the said Act of Assembly yett in full force and Unrepealed more at Large appeareth, That notwithstanding whereas the said Phillip Clark maliciously and advisedly Contriving and Designing to Scandalize and Defame his Exc ffrancis Nicholson Esq. his Majties Govern and Comand in Chief in and over this Province of Maryland by his Majties Royall Authority Constituted Authorized and Appointed and this his Majties Governm by his Majties Established as aforesaid and in his Majties

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