George Slater Attorney Gen.ll for the King as the Said Phillip Clark and the Reasons and being read and the Arguments and pleadings on both Sides being by the Court heard and fully understood It is considered by the Court that the Reasons before recited Sufficient to Stay Judgment on the Verdict as afore Said Whereupon It is considered by the Court that the Said Phillip Clark be as well fined to our Soveraigne Lord the King for the Support of Government in the Sume of Six Thousand pounds of Tobacco as also the Said Phillip be committed into the Custody of the Shert of Ann Arrundell County, there to remaine for and During the Space of Six months without bayle or Maine prize according to the Tenor of the before mentioned act of assembly and the Said Phillip was thereupon committed accordingly ~~

Lord the King against Gerard Slye

Maryland ss The Jurors of our Soveraigne Lord the King for the Body of this Province upon their Oathes doe Present Gerard Slye late of St. Maries County, merchant, for that whereas by a Certaine act of Assembly of this Province made at a Gen.ll Assembly begunne and held at the City of St. Maries the Tenth day of May in the Yeare of our Lord 1692, Entitled an act against Publishing of false News among other things it is therein Contained that whosoever after the passing of the Said act Should maliciously and advisedly by writing Speaking or otherwise Express publish Utter or declare any words Sentences or thing or things to the defaming or Scandall of their Majesties Government or Command in Chiefe for the time being and thereof Legally Convicted Shall be imprisoned six months without bayle or Maine prize and incurre such forfeiture as the Justices before whome such matter is tryed Shall adjudge and according the Sume of Tenn thousand pounds of Tobacco to our Soveraigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen their heires and Successors for the Support of Government as by the Said act will in full force and Unrepealed more at Large appear Yet that notwithstanding such the Said Gerrard Slye maliciously and advisedly contriving and Designing to Scandalize and Defame his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq.r his Majesties Governor and Command.r in Chiefe of this Province as well as Divers his Majesties good Subjects of this Province inhabiting therein as to Divers Merchants trading into the Same at divers days and times and to divers persons there defamatory and Scandalous words & speeches by way of Speaking and Conversing the Said Governor and Comander in Chiefe maliciously and advisedly did in Contempt to Express publish Utter or Declare that is to Say on the 30th day of May in the year of our Lord 1697 at James River that is Say at Belaveni in St. Marys County having Communication with Divers Merchants and other traders into this Province there false defamatory & Scandalous words of and concerning the Said Governor and Comander in Chiefe did publish Speake and Utter that is to Say his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq.r (the Said Governor meaning) Neither will with Tune in Crumes Cheeks and other Shifts and Concealed from the Said Governor meaning for some time and break from the Said Governor meaning when and of forwards Sent

Sent them (the Said Governor meaning) away and that I the Said Gerard meaning will prove the Same at home before the King and Council (his Royall Majesty & King and the Lords of his Majesties most Honorable Privy Council of England meaning) And also on the 30th day of April at Belaveni aforesaid having Communication with William Taylard of the Same County Gent. & Divers others by Speaking or writing of and concerning the Said Governor these Scandalous and Defamatory words and Sentences of and concerning the Said Governor did maliciously and advisedly Indeed write and publish that is to Say your Sir of Annapolis (the Said Governor meaning) is Still here) at James Towne meaning) and Every one wonders at that (the Said Governor meaning) business for can his Cunning (the Said Governor meaning) Divers men that know him (the Said Governor meaning) And afterwards that is to Say on the 4th day of May 1697 aforesaid at James River that is to Say at Belaveni in St. Maries County aforesaid having Communication with Sam.ll Watkins of the Same County Gent. by writing of and concerning the Said Governor these false Scandalous and Defamatory words of and concerning the Said Governor maliciously and advisedly did Indeed write and publish that is to Say I the Said Gerrard meaning, Expected Rattle head) the Said Governor meaning) Hamilton Towne meaning) if (the Said Governor meaning) had the Said Governor also meaning) had met with a broad Side Berry one John Berry of this Province meaning) I (the Said Gerrard meaning) Lands with the Message (to Rattle head) the Said Governor meaning) Sent by him (the Said John Berry meaning) to me Says relating to me (the Said Berry) the Said Berry meaning changed Berry thing but I find him the Said Berry meaning a Tool & Instrument of mischief for such a purpose therefore he the Said Berry meaning is Sent out on purpose to gratifie Rattle heads Ends) the Said Governor Ends meaning) And afterwards that is to Say on the 20th day of June in the Year of our Lord 1697 at Bylmouth that is to Say at Marys County aforesaid having Communication with one Mr. Rogers a Merchant trading into this Province of and concerning the Said Governor by writing these false Scandalous and Defamatory words by writing Maliciously and advisedly did in Indeed Write & publish that is to Say Mr. Nicholson the present Governor of Maryland (the Said Governor meaning) is a Man of the worst of (Characters) though Nicholson the Said Governor meaning does what he Can to purchase a better but that cannot be among Gentlemen of thought, Tell the Home the Lords of his Majesties most honorable Privy Council and the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations meaning) together with Divers other Defamatory false Scandalous and malicious Speeches and Writings of and Concerning the Said Governor at Sundry other times to