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Our Soveraigne Lady the Queen vs. Thomas Swearingen

The Jurors of our Soveraigne Lady the Queen vpon their oathes do present for the body of this province vpon their oathes do present Thomas Swearingen late of Prince Georges County planter for vs. the the said Thomas moved by a Malicious and An Arbitrious mind and Imagination and to get into his hands and possions diverse Summes of tobacco owing to one Richard Lancaster Merchant and to grieve and Molest diverse persons that were debtors to the said Richard but Especially one Robert Anderson of the Same County planter vs. the twenty eight Day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and one at Mount Calvert Parish in the Same County a certaine deed or letter of Atty whereby the said Richard Lancaster did Constitute one Roger Dickinson his Atty to receive and debts in the Same County and in lieu of this the Said Roger Mutually the said Thomas Swearingen was thereby Impowered to recieve Collect the Same as in and by the said Letter of Atty stated with the Seale of Lieu the said Richard and as his act and deed Doth More at Large May appeare Which said Letter of Atty so held and Possessed the said Thomas Swearingen Feloniously took and raised out and obliterated one Clause therein that is to Say in words following Roger Dickinson death and by Colour thereof the said Thomas Claimed and pretended to be the Atty of the said Richard Lancaster Mutually with the said Roger Dickinson to receive debts due to the said Richard Lancaster and the Same Letter of Atty so raised and obliterated the said Thomas Feloniously and averred to be a good and Lawfull deed and Letter of Attorney and his act and deed of the Said Richard Lancaster and lawfull to be the Atty of the said Richard Lancaster and by virtue and Colour thereof gained and received into his hands five hundred pounds of tobacco from the said Robert Anderson of the Same County supposed to be due to the said Richard Lancaster Whereas the said Letter of Atty by the raising out and obliterating afs was not the well Act and deed of the said Richard Lancaster but Faled and forged by the said Thomas Swearingen in Manner and Forme as afs

against

against the Dignity Power Crown and Dignity and Contrary to the Law and the manner and Meaning of the Statute in such Case made and provided: Wm Bennett Atty Genrall

Witnesses Sworne are Robert Anderson, Roger Dickinson, Wm Marshall, Joshua Doraff, and Abraham Clark

The aforesaid Bill was Endorsed by the grand Jurymen Vizt: Billa Vera Robert Smithson Foreman

Upon which indictment the said Thomas is arraigned upon this arraignment he pleads not guilty and for Tryall puts himself upon the Country and the said Atty Genrall also for the Lady the Queen doth Likewise

Whereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Annarundell County vs. the Same to Come Twelve Lawfull Men of his County

And now here this Day to wit the Thirteenth Day of September Anno Dni 1703 Come as well the said Atty Genrall for the said Lady the Queen and the said Thomas Swearingen as also the Jurors by the Sheriff sworn and Impannelled viz: Arthur Wheatley, Richard Whipley, Samuel Browne, David Hollow, Samuell Dight, John Tyler, James Gough, William Tigley, George Haddaway, [illegible], William Warlon, James Pattison, Mr Hugh Ryley, who being Elected tryed and sworne to Say the truth the premises upon their oathes do Say Having heard the pleadings and Allegations on both Sides Wee the Jury find the Defendant not guilty of the Matter contained in the Indictment and by their Foreman aforesaid do Say

It is therefore considered by the Court that the day and year last mentioned vs. the said Thomas Swearingen of the indictment afs and the Matter and things therein alledged against him be acquitted and Discharged and vs. the goe thereof without day Saving vs. the Lady the Queen Fees for appearance and Entrance in this Court to be paid without

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Our Soveraigne Lady the Queen vs. Richard Lacey

The Jurors of our Soveraigne Lady the Queen that now is for the body of this province upon their oathes do present Richard Lacey late of Annapolis Gentleman for Lewis Gen County Clerk late of the Same on Richard the first Day of Jandy in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand two at Annapolis afs not having the fear of God before his Eyes but moved by the instigation of the Divell of his Malice forethought and

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