Maryland to disturb and the same into a ferment away
and distractions to spul the following false scandalous
and Sedition Libell well knowing the same to be
of and concerning John Seymour Esq. Her Majesty's
Captaine Generale and Governour in Chief of this her
Province did publish and spread abroad viz.t —
To the protestants in Maryland my friends I have
thought fitt to advise you to take care in time to detai
your selves from that wicked contrivance of Darnalle
the popish priests in their agreeing with the french
and the other Heathens to destroy you all the
proceedings of Maryland are easily brought to us
over Potomock river Can any people think that the
Queen shall a Governour amongst you to be ruled
by Darnalle or any other papists we hear that an Act
of Assembly was made against the popish priests
to blind the people but how long was it before they
had liberty and the protestant ministers silenced, hav:
a care of a popish plott least you have cause to repent
when it is too late this from a friend is all at
present, with intent to defame and slander his Ex
cy the Governour and render him suspected as a person
altogether unworthy of the trust by her Sacred —
Majesty in him reposed inclining to popery e —
directed and ruled by the said Darnall a person well
known to be of the Roman communion thereby
creating Jealousies fears and disquiets in the minds
of her Majestys good protestant subjects and alienat
ing and turning their affections from her Master
said Governour and to the great scandall e offen:

of her Majesty to have assigned such a person to governe this
her province so disaffected to the established Government
and the Religion thereof and against her Majesty's peace
her crown and dignity. Wm Bladen for her Majesty

Whereupon this day Ralph Foster appeared to this said presentm.t
and prays tryall this Court who is thereupon demanded how
he would acquit himself off the premises and thereupon the
said Ralph saysth that he is not guilty of the matter
whereof he stands indicted and thereof for tryall puts
himself upon the Country, and Wm Bladen for her
Majesty says he is guilty &c.

Thereupon Command is given the Sheriff of Anne Arundell
County that he immediately cause to come here twelve
&c. by w.ch from &c. more into &c. to recognize &c. which
the precept this day makes return. he has here ready
twelve &c. by whom &c. as by this precept it was commanded
And more here this day to wit this twenty fifth day of
September Anno Dni 1705 comes as well the said Ralph
Foster in his proper person as Wm Bladen who sueth
for her Majesty &c. and also the Jurors of the Grand Jury impan
nelled to the Court called likewise come to wit —
Richard Owens, Wm Lee, Edward Horne, Wm Hilding,
John Dent Samuell Hardy, John Houldsworth, James
Harris, Edmond Talbot, Henry Tripp, Samuell Worthing
ton, Wm Williams Burroughs who being duly elected tryed
and sworne to say the truth in the premises upon
their oaths do say that the said Ralph Foster is guilty
of the matter whereof he stands indicted.

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