Spanish Coin three Moydors of the Portugall Coin two French Guineas & one British half-Guinea of the Value of Nineteen Pounds & Six Shillings of Lawfull Money of the Currency of Virginia of the Moneys & Goods of the said Richard Thacker then & there being found then & there from the Person of the said Richard Thacker violently & felloniously did take & Carry away to the great Terror of the said Richard Thacker & against the Peace of our said late Lord the late King his Crown & Dignity And that William Hammond late of the said Parish of St Margaret in the aforesd County of King William Gent & John Howard late of the said Parish of St Margaret in the said County of King William Planter the said twenty Eighth Day of April in the Year aforesd at the said Parish of St Margarett in the said County of King William were felloniously present Aiding Abetting Comforting & maintaining the said Philip Hammond the felony aforesd in form aforesd felloniously Committing & perpetrating against the Peace of our said late Lord the late King his Crown & Dignity and the same Bill of Indictment in form aforesd words Containing therein the false & Scandalous matter aforesaid afterwards Viz^t on the Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and twenty Eight at a Generall Court holden at his Majesty that now is his Royal Capitol in the said City of Williamsburg was by the impanelment & Contrivance of the said Thomas Lockey Exhibited which said Bill the said Generall Court at the Day & place last mentioned to the Grand Jury Sworn for the Body of the said Colony of Virginia delivered for their Inquiry & presentment of the truth of & Concerning the Matter in the same Bill Contained And the said John further Saith that the Matter aforesd in the same Bill Contained was false feigned & Scandalous & by Abettment Compliancy promotment & instigation of the aforesd Thomas Lockey was malitiously Contrived & Devised without any just Cause as then fully appeared to the Grand Jury aforesd & for that reason this Jury aforesd at the Day & place last mentioned gave their Verdict & Answer of & Concerning the aforesd Bill that they the said Grand Jury were ignorant of the Matter aforesd in the said Bill of Indictment Specified & Contained And thereupon the said John was in lawfull Manner Discharged & acquitted thereof Viz^t on the said Eighteenth Day of April in the said Year Seventeen hundred & twenty Eight in the said Colony of Virginia Viz^t in Ann Arundell County aforesd by Proteste of which Premisses the said not only in his good Name fame Opinion & Credit is very much Damnified but also Great Labour Pains & travell & Generall Sums of Money for his Enlargement & Purgation was obliged to undergo & Expend to the Damage of the said John One thousand Pounds Sterling And therefore he brings this Suit &c —

John Doe & Pledges &c
Richd Roe &

And the said Thomas Lockey by Michael Howard Philip Key & William Cumming his Attorneys Comes & Defends the force & Injury when &c And prays Leave to imparle thereunto Until next Court And he hath it And the same Day is given to the Pltff Also —

At which said next Court to wit the 15th Day of October Anno Dom 1729 Come — again the said Parties Pltff & Defendt by their Attorneys aforesd And the said Defendant by his said Attorneys prays further Leave to imparle thereunto Until next Court And he hath it And the same Day is given to the Pltff Also —

At which said next Court to wit the 20th Day of May Anno Dom 1729 Comes — again as well the said John Howard by his Attorney aforesd as the said Thomas Lockey by his Attorneys aforesd And the said Thomas Lockey by his said Attorneys as before defends the force & Injury when &c And protesting & not acknowledging any thing by the aforesd John above Alledged to be true and in the same Bill Contained was false feigned & Scandalous & by Abettment Compliancy promotment & instigation of the aforesd Thomas Lockey was malitiously Contrived & Devised without any just Cause as then fully appeared to the Grand Jury aforesd & for that reason this Jury aforesd at the Day & place last mentioned gave their Verdict & Answer of & Concerning the aforesd Bill that they the said Grand Jury were ignorant of the Matter aforesd in the said Bill of Indictment Specified & Contained And thereupon the said John was in lawfull Manner Discharged & acquitted thereof Viz^t on the said Eighteenth Day of April in the said Year Seventeen hundred & twenty Eight in the said Colony of Virginia Viz^t in Ann Arundell County aforesd by Proteste of which Premisses the said not only in his good Name fame Opinion & Credit is very much Damnified but also Great Labour Pains & travell & Generall Sums of Money for his Enlargement & Purgation was obliged to undergo & Expend to the Damage of the said John One thousand Pounds Sterling And therefore he brings this Suit &c —

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as the aforesd John above against him Complained & of this he doth put himself upon the Country &c
And the Pltff Also —

And thereupon the aforesd Thomas Lockey the Defendant makes Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he verily believes that he shall not have an impartial tryal of this Cause in Ann Arundell County whereupon the Tryall of the Issue aforesd is Ordered by the Court here to be had in Calvert County —

And therefore Command is given to the Sheriff of Calvert County that he Cause to Come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Friday the twelfth Day of September next to the County Court House in the said County Come twelve good & Lawfull men of his Bailiwick by whom &c who &c to recognize &c because as well &c —

And now here at this Day to wit the 21st Day of October Anno Dom 1729 Comes again into his Lordships Provincial Court here as well the said John Howard by his Attorney aforesd as the said Thomas Lockey by his Attorney aforesd But the Sheriff hath not sent his Writ thereupon the said Thomas Lockey by his said Attorneys offers himself ready for tryal against the said John Howard in this Plea aforesd But the said John Howard altho solemnly Called Comes not but makes Default nor does he further prosecute his Writ aforesd against the said Thomas Lockey —

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the 21st Day of October Anno Dom 1729 aforesd that the said John Howard & his Pledges of Prosecuting to Wit John Doe & Richard Roe be in Mercy And that the said Thomas Lockey go thereof without Day And also it is Considered that the said Thomas Lockey recover against the said John Howard the Sum of

1942 Pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him adjudged for his Costs & Charges by him about his Defence in this behalf Laid out & Expended &c —

With The Lord Propry of Maryland Jr.
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Wh. Ply John Smith } John Smith late of Cecil County Gentleman otherwise Called — John Smith Gent of Cecil County in the Province aforesd was Summoned to — answer unto the Right Honble the Lord Propry of a Plea that he render unto his said Lordship the full Sum and Just Quantity of two hundred thousand Pounds of good — Sound Merchantable Leaf Tobacco & Cask which from his said Lord Ship he unjustly detains &c —

And thereupon Michael Howard Esqr Attorney Generall of the Lord Propry that now is who for the said Lord Propry in this behalf prosecutes Saith that Whereas the said John Smith on the twelfth Day of November Anno Dom One thousand Seven hundred & twenty Six at Ann Arundell County by his Certain Writing Obligatory granted himself to be held & firmly bound unto the said Lord Propry in the said Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco to be paid to the said Lord Propry when thereunto requested Yet the said John Smith the said two hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco or any Part thereof to the same Lord Propry altho often thereunto requested hath not rendered but the same to him to render hath & still doth Gainsay to the Damage of the said Lord — Propry two hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco And this the said Attorney Generall for the said Lord Propry is ready to Verifie &c And the same Attorney Generall brings here into Court the Writing aforesd whereby the Debt aforesd testifies the Date whereof is the Day & Year aforesd &c —

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