of the respective County Clerk & under the Seal of the said County by the said County Clerk be — yearly & every year transmitted to the Governour & Councill of this Province before the fourth Day of March then next ensuing after the laying of the Levy for their inspection as by the said Act now in full force & Virtue relation being thereunto had more fully appears And the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall further say that they the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall did at the time & place in the Information aft — mentioned as Justices of the said Baltemore County by Virtue of the said recited Act of Assembly levy & raise by an Equal Assessment on the taxable Inhabitants of the aft — County the several Quantities of two hundred & fifty pounds of Tob° four hundred pounds of Tobacco & fifty pounds of Tobacco in the Information aft mentioned & that the Clerk of the said Baltemore County did keep an Account of such Tobacco so levyed as aft & how disposed of in a fair Book a part from other Matters Viz^t in Baltemore County aft And the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall further say that the Governour & Councill of this Province & none others have used & still use during all the time from the said fifth Day of — September in said Year Seventeen hundred & four to inspect & take the Cognizance of the Account of all & every the Quantity & Quantitys of Tob° so levyed & raised by Virtue of the said recited Act of Assembly as aft Viz^t in Baltemore County aft And this they the said Luke Raven Roger — Mathews & Edward Hall are ready to verify & when & where & as this Court shall Consider — Wherefore they pray Judgment of the Court of the said Lord Propry here will take Cognizance — of the Plea — hereof —

And the aft Attorney Generall of the said Lord Propry who for the same Lord — Propry in this part followeth for the same Lord Propry saith that the Plea aft by the aft Luke — Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall in manner & form aft above pleaded & the Matter in the same Contained are insufficient in Law to preclude the aft Court of the said Lord Propry here from — proceeding upon the Information aft And this he is ready to verify & as the Court here shall — Consider Wherefore he prayeth Judgment and that the same Luke Raven Roger — Mathews & Edward Hall to the Information aft may answer &c —

And the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall for that the matter aft by them above alledged to which they are ready to verify is sufficient in Law to put the Court here from a Jurisdiction of further holding Plea in the said Information which said Matter the — Attorney Gen^ll aft doth not gainsay or in any wise answer thereto but that Averment to admit altogether refuses prays Judgment if the Court here will take any further Cognizance thereof &c —

Whereupon all & Singular the Premises being by the Court here soon heard fully understood & Mature Deliberation thereupon had for that it seems to the Court here that the Plea aft by the aft Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall in manner & form aft above pleaded & the matter in the same Contained are insufficient in Law to preclude the Court of the said Lord Propry here from proceeding upon the Information aft —

Thereupon it is said by the Court here to the aft Luke Raven Roger Mathews & — Edward Hall that they to the Information aft further Answer at their peril if &c — Whereupon the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall by their said Attorney say they are in no wise — guilty of the Premises aft above imposed upon them & thereof for tryall put themselves upon the Country And the said Michael Howard Esq^r Attorney Generall who &c —

Whereupon for tryall of the Issue is by the Court here Ordered to be had in Ann Arundell County And therefore Command is given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County that he Cause to Come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Annapolis the third Tuesday in October next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Monday the Eighth Day of September next to the County Court house in the said — County Come Twelve good & Lawfull Men of his Bailywick by whom & who neither &c to — recognize &c because as well &c —

Afterwards the Proces Continued between the parties aft on the Plea aft by the Jury — (being)

being put thereon in respite here untill the third Tuesday of October next unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Propry to take the Assizes in the said County assigned on Monday the — Eighth Day of September next to the County Court house in the said County should Come —

And now here at this Day to wit the 21st Day of October Anno Dom 1729 Comes again — into his Lordships provincial Court as well the said Michael Howard Esq^r Attorney Generall — who &c as the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall by their Attorney aft But the Sheriff hath not sent his Writ Thereupon Command is again given to the Sheriff of Ann — Arundell County that he Cause to Come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Anna — polis the third Tuesday of May next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Monday the thirteenth Day of April — next to the County Court house in the said County Come Twelve &c to recognize in form aft —

Afterwards the Proces Continued between the parties aft on the Plea aft by the Jury being put thereon in respite here untill the third Tuesday of May next unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Propry to take the Assizes in the said County Assigned on Monday the thirteenth Day of April next to the County Court house in the said County should Come —

And now here at this Day to wit the 19th Day of May Anno Dom 1730 Comes — again into his Lordships Provincial Court as well the said Michael Howard Esq^r — Attorney Generall who &c as the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall by their Attorney aft But the Sheriff hath not sent his Writ Thereupon Command is again given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundell 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 appoint — ted to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Monday the — Seventh Day of September next to the County Court house in the said County Come twelve &c to recognize in form aft —

Afterwards the Proces Continued between the parties aft on the Plea aft by the Jury being put thereon in respite here untill the third Tuesday of October next unless the Justices of his Lordship the Lord Propry to take the Assizes in the said County assigned on Monday the Seventh Day of September next to the County Court house in the said County Come —

And now here at this Day to wit the 20th Day of October Anno Dom 1730 Comes again — into his Lordships provincial Court as well the said Michael Howard Esq^r Attorney Generall — who &c as the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall by their Attorney aft But the Sheriff hath not sent his Writ Thereupon Command is again given to the Sheriff of Ann — Arundell County that he Cause to Come before the Justices of the Provincial Court at Anna — polis the third Tuesday of May next or before the Justices appointed to take the Assizes in his County if they shall before that time to wit on Monday the twelfth Day of April next to — the County Court house in the said County Come twelve &c to recognize in form aft —

Afterwards the Proces Continued between the parties aft on the Plea aft by the Jury — being put thereon in respite here untill the third Tuesday of May next unless the Justices — of his Lordship the Lord Propry to take the Assizes in the said County assigned on Monday the twelfth Day of September next to the County Court house in the said County should Come —

And now here at this Day to wit the 10th Day of May Anno Dom 1731 Comes again into — his Lordships provincial Court as well the said Michael Howard Esq^r Attorney Generall who &c — as the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall by their Attorney aft But the Sheriff hath not sent his Writ Thereupon the Proces aft between the parties aft on the Plea aft is further Continued untill next Court —

At which said next Court to wit the 19th Day of October Anno Dom 1731 Comes again as well the said Michael Howard Esq^r Attorney Generall who &c as the said Luke Raven Roger Mathews & Edward Hall by their Attorney aft And Whereupon the said Michael Howard Esq^r Attorney Generall who &c enters a Nolle prosequi And thereupon Desists from further Prosecution against

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