Under his hand & now in my Custody there is as follows Viz: On the 9th Day of Feby of 1783 Came Thomas Norton & made & made Information after being Sworne on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that John Dickason on the Eight of this Instant Swore & Cursed fifty Several times which he Took Notice of at the Same time the aforesd John Dickason was Vestryman of King Georges Parish

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Affixt the Seale of my Office this 26th Day of Feby in the 20th Year of this Lordships the Lord Prop.ry of Dominion &c Anno Dom.ni 1784

(Seal Prince Georges County)

Montee Clk Cur.

Thereupon this Day John Dickenson by Thomas Clark his Atty appears and Thereupon at his Prayer it is Ordered that the Clerk of Prince Georges County certify to this Court Immediately whether there Issued an Execution to Levie the fine for Swearing the Number of Oaths Certified to John Beall to the aforesd Prince Georges County Against him the aforesd John Dickenson or whether was any Other Proceeding therein more than what is Certified by the Said Clerk in the return aforesd which Order the Said Clerk afterwards in the Same Term returns the following Certificate Prince Georges County to wit I further Certifie that in a Copy of a List of Informations & Convictions to me Certified by the Justices of Prince Georges County Court against Offenders for Prophane cursing & Swearing & for Anno Seventeen hundred thirty four & by me Delivered to Thomas Brooke Gent Late Sheriff of the County aforesd on or about the twenty third Day of December last past under the County seal there is as follows Viz: November Court 1734 John Dickason for Swearing fifty Oaths & Curses proved before Mr John Beall Junr by Thos Norton the Pt John Dickason being a Vestry Man ..... 25 sts

And that no Execution issued out of any Office for Leavying the above fine & that there Was not any other Proceeding in the Premises (to my knowledge) than as above Certified

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto Affixt this Seal this 12th Day of July Anno Dominii 1786

(Seal of Prince Georges County)

Montee Clk Cur.

Whereupon this Day John Dickason by his Attorney aforesd Saith that the Record & Proceedings aforesd & the matter thereon Contained are not Sufficient in Law to compell this Day John Dickason to make Answer unto and therefore Prays that the Said Record & Proceedings thereon be Quashed &c Whereupon all & Singular the Premisses being by the Court here Seen heard & fully understood & Mature Deliberation thereupon had for that it Seems to the Court here that the Record & Proceedings & the matters therein Contained are not Sufficient in Law to compell this Day John Dickason to make Answer thereto.

Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here the Day & Year Last mentioned that the Record & the Information aforesd be Quashed and that this Day John Dickason Gentleman Go without Day &c

Jos. Hutchins Clk

His Lordships at the Suit of John Hawkins } Memorandum In this Cause his Lordships Writ of Certiorari issued the Tenour whereof follows in these Words Viz:

Maryland ss Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To Our Justices of Our Peace in Queen Anns County to keep Our Peace & Our Other Justices of Our Peace in the Same County Committed to hear & Determine assigned & to Richard Tilghman Junr Clerk of the Same County Court Greeting We for Certain Causes being Willing to be Certified of the Record of Certain Conviction of John Hawkins Senr for Prophanely cursing & Swearing Contrary to the Act of Assembly to Punish Blasphemers Swearers Drunkards & Sabbath breakers & for the Repealing the Law heretofore made for the Punishing such Offenders whereof he is Convicted (as it is said) before James Earle Sheriff to be by you sent before us Command you that the Record of the aforesd Conviction with every thing thereunto relating you send in as full & Ample Manner as they now remain before you by whatsoever the Said John Hawkins Shall be called therein under your Seales to our Justices of our Provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of May Next & this Writ that our said Justices of our Provincial Court may do therein that which of Right is to be Done Witness Levin Gale Esq. Chief Justice of our Said Court the 20th Day of October in the 19th Year of our Dominion &c Anno Dominii 1783

(R Francis)

Allowed by me this 19th Day of Feby 1783

Ch. Hammond

On the back of the foregoing Writ at the time of the Filing was thus Indorsed Viz: This is to Certify that I have Taken a Recognizance in the Sum of twenty Pounds Sterling from the within Named John Hawkins Senr with two Sureties Payable to the Lord Prop.ry in Case the Conviction Should be Confirmed or Proceeded on granted

Ch. Hammond

At Which Court third Tuesday of May being the 25th Day of the same Month Anno Dominii 1784 And the Day of the return of the Writ aforesd Come into his Lordships Court here Dan.l Dulany Esq.r his Lordships Atty Gen.l & the Justices & Clerk of Queen Anns County in Pursuance of the Writ aforesd to them Directed make return of the same Writ and Records Viz: To the Justices within mentioned We the Subscribers the Justices of the Peace & Clerk of Queen Anns County Court do humbly Certify that the Copy of Record hereunto Annexed is a true Copy of that Delivered by Mr James Earle Late Sheriff of the County aforesd to the Clerk of Queen Anns County Court at November Court Anno Dominii one thousand Seven hundred & thirty three upon which the Clerk aforesd charged the within Named John Hawkins for the Number of Oaths & Curses in the Said Certificate mentioned in A List to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County aforesd made out under the County Seal

Aug.s Thompson (Seal)
Solomon Clayton (Seal)
Humphrey Wells (Seal)
William Jump (Seal)
James Veale (Seal)
R. Tilghman jun.r Clk (Seal)

(Queen Anns County Seale)

Which said Certificate Mentioned in the foregoing return follows in these Words (Viz:) (Oaths).