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Upon reading the Petition of the Revd. Mr. John Lang Rector of Saint James Parish in Ann Arundell County, setting forth That upon the 5th Day of July a certain David Weems in Confederacy with John Franklin, James Doal, Francis Randal sent John Brown and Robert Tennant Church Wardens for the Key of his Closet or Study in the Vestry House where he kept the Parish Library (for which by Act of Assembly he is Accountable) & some of his own Books & Papers of private business & did threaten that if he did not send the Key they would break open the Door: he was lame that he could not go himself & therefore returned for answer that he would trust none of them with the Key. Upon the twelfth those persons & several others not again when he was at Annapolis did break open the said Door rummag'd his Books & Papers, some Papers he has miss'd. & some way or other lock'd the Door again upon the nineteenth those persons & several others met again & under pretence of searching for the Vestry Books (Which the Register had left in his Custody & which he kept as the principal Evidence to support his complaint which lys before the Governour & Council) they brought a Warrant from Mr. Samuel Chew to break open his Dwelling House. They beset his House about Noon Day & John Franklin Constable of Herring Creek hundred with main force & an Iron instrument which he brought with him at the command as he believed of the said Weems, Doal, Randal and Fillard attended with Thomas Sprigg Jeremiah Plummer & several others did break open his Dwelling House no person being within but his Wife & self, & pretending they came to search for the Vestry Books, the Constable & Mr. Sprigg went into his Parlour & the rest of the band continued without, he asked if they searched for Stolen Goods the Constable answered No; but they only wanted the Vestry Books thereupon he said he hoped they would remember what they had done & answer for this Days Riot, they frighted his Wife enough to endanger her life. and that if she is not protected by this Honourable Court he makes no doubt but they may burn his House or Murder him in bed. He therefore prays that this Honourable Court would consider his complaint & if the Proceedings Accordeed to be riotous that then this Honourable Court would be pleased to Order a Bench Warrant issued against the said David Weems, John Franklin, James Doal Francis Randall & Willm. Fillard as Rioters & Oblige them to give Security for their being of Good behaviour especially to the Petitioner & his family & to appear before the Honourable Justices of the next Provincial Court to Answer further for the said Riot. It is Ordered that Bench Warrant Issue against the Parties complained of to Answer the Premises at ye next Court & that Summons likewise Issue for John Brown Jerem Plummer & Thomas Sprigg to testify for his Lordship against the said Rioters returnable next Court

Ordered that the several Surymen who have been called upon & made default be fined according to Law

John Stevenson makes Oath that he attend two Days as an Evidence for John Doncastle against Mary Speak which with four Days Honorant Charges to & from Charles County Comes to two hundred & forty pounds of Tobacco. Copy Order given

Samuel Hawkins makes Oath that he attended three Days at last October court & one Day this Court as an Evidence for John Doncastle against Mary Speak which with four Days Honorant Charges to each Court comes to four hundred & eighty pounds of Tobacco. Copy Order given

James Boreman makes Oath that he attended four Days last October Court & one Day this Court as an Evidence for Ditto against Ditto which with Honorant Charges to both Courts Comes to five hundred & twenty pounds of Tobacco. Copy Order given

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John Lusby makes Oath that there is a material Evidence in the Cause between him & Augustina Larrimore out of the Province

Ordered that Bench Warrant Issue to the Several Sheriffs in this Province against Mich. Taylor on Suspicion of Murder returnable next Court.

John Emory Senr. makes Oath that he attended five Days as an Evidence for William Murray at suit Charles Hynson which comes to two hundred pounds of Tobacco. Copy Order given

Lordships ag: Daniel Chester, James Ringgold, Moses Tennant & William Gibbs	The said Daniel Chester James Ringgold Moses Tennant & Willm. Gibbs being severally bound by Recognizance in the sum of £20 Current money Each for their several Appearances this Court to give Evidence on behalf of his Lordship against Daniel Perkins, they being severally called severally Appear Thereupon it is Ordered that they from their Recog. ag. be severally discharged, Which they are severally discharged therefrom Accordingly

Lordships ag: Philip Vines & Philip Grover	the said Philip Vines being bound by Recognizance in the Sum of £20 Curr. money & Philip Grover in the sum of £30 like money for Charity Grovers Appearance this Court to give Evidence on behalf of his Lordship against John Hupsey, the said Charity being called Appears, Thereupon it is Ordered that the said Philip Vines & Philip Grover from their Recognizances ag. be discharged, Which they are Accordingly discharged therefrom

Lordships ag: Michael Roisner, Martin Witsell, Fredrick Fattroos & William Bottie	The said Michael Roisner, Martin Witsell, Fredrick Fattroos & William Bottie being severally bound by Recognizance in the Sum of £10 Current money each for their several Appearances this Court to give Evidence on behalf of his Lordship against John Hupsey, they being severally called Severally Appear, Thereupon it is ordered that they from their Recognizances ag. be severally discharged; Which they are severally discharged therefrom Accordingly

Lordships ag: Patrick Connolly, James Anderson, Jarrett Wilay & William Beavins	The said Patrick Connolly being bound by Recognizance in the Sum of £200 Current Money; James Anderson, Jarrett Wilay & William Beavins his Securities being likewise bound by Recog. in the sum of £66.13.4 like money each for his the said Connolly's personal Appearance this Court to answer all such matters & things as should be Objected against him on behalf of his said Lordship; the said Patrick Connolly being called Appears, Thereupon the said Patrick Connolly & his Securities from their Recognizances ag. are severally ordered to be discharged; which they are Severally discharged therefrom accordingly. Whereupon the said Connolly is ordered to enter into new Recog: himself in the Sum of £200 curr. money with two Security in the like Sum Each for his the said Connolly's further Appearance to Answer to an Indictment found against him this Court for Publishing & Uttering false bills of Credit, but for want thereof he is Committed into the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann: County there to remain until &c, the said Sheriff, to wit, Samuel Smith Gent: being Present took Charge of him Accordingly