being present took Charge of him accordingly.

W W K

The Lord Proprietary ag.st Daniel Perkins . . . } Maryland ss. The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Prop.y of that now is upon their Oath present that a certain William Scall late of Kent County Mariner the first Day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred & thirty nine was Indebted unto Daniel Cheston Merchant Nathaniel Palmer & Charles Palmer Merchants the said Daniel Nathaniel & Charles being Inhabitants of this Province in divers Sums of Money & that a certain Daniel Perkins of Kent County Millwright intending to defraud the said Daniel Cheston Nathaniel & Charles Palmer of the money to them due & owing from the said William Scall afterwards to wit the tenth Day of March in the Year a.d. conveyed away the said William Scal from Chester Town in the County a.d. & from thence to Rhode Island in the parts beyond the Sea out of this Province the debts a.d. being unsatisfied & unpaid to the said Daniel Cheston Nathaniel Palmer & Charles Palmer altho the said William Scall had no pass contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly in such Cases Provided. Entituled an Act Prohibiting all Masters of Ships or other Vessells or any other Persons from transporting or conveying away any Person or Persons out of this Province without Passes by virtue of which Act the said Daniel Perkins became Chargeable with the Payment of the debts of the said William Scall & that afterwards to wit the twentieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord Seventeen hundred & forty the said William Scall returned into Kent County a.d. And the Jurors a.d. upon their Oath a.d. Say that the said Daniel Perkins & the said William Scall Wickedly fraudulently & deceitfully intending to cheat & deceive the said Daniel Cheston Nathaniel & Charles Palmer & in order to Accomplish & bring to pass the wicked fraudulent & deceitfull intent & design of them the said Daniel Perkins & William Scall of Cheating & deceiving the said Daniel Cheston Nathaniel Palmer & Charles Palmer they the said Daniel Perkins & William Scall afterwards to wit the twentieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord seventeen hundred & forty at Saint Paul's Parish in Kent County a.d. caused a false writing to be made forged & Counterfeited in the form of a Bill of Lading bearing date the twenty seventh Day of May Anno Domini Seventeen hundred & forty in the Name of John Hasey as Master of a Skipsell or Scooner falsely alledged & pretended by the said Daniel Perkins & the said William Scall to be called the Mary in the Words & figures following viz:—

Shipped by the grace of God in good order & well conditioned by Wm. Sale & James Michel in & upon the good Scooner called the Mary — Whereof is Master under God, for this present Voige John Hasey & now ridding at Anchor in the River Providence — and by Gods grace bound for Maryland — to Say sixteen hogsheads of Rum five hogsheads of Molasses & foure Barrells of Sugar being marked & Numbred as in SM. the Margint, & are to be delivered in like God order & well conditioned at the a.d. Port of Annapolis the danger of the Seas only excepted unto Wm. Sale & James Miche: or to their assigns paying Freight for the said Goods nothing with Primage & Avarage accostomed. In Witness whereof the Master or Purser of the said Scooner hath affirmed to two Bills of Lading all of this Tenor & date the one of which two Bills being accomplished the other one to stand void & so God send (the)

the good Scooner to her desired Port in Safety Amen

Newport May y.e 27.th 1740. John Hasey

And afterwards to wit the said twentieth Day of June in the Year a.d. at the Parish in the County a.d. wickedly falsly knowingly & deceitfully published & declared the said Writing to be a true bill of Lading altho they the said Daniel Perkins & William Scall well knew the same Writing to be forged & Counterfeited as a.d. And the Jurors a.d. Upon their Oath a.d. Say that the said Daniel Cheston Nathaniel Palmer & Charles Palmer giving Credit to the Publication made by the said Dan.l Perkins & William Scale that the Writing a.d. was a true Bill of lading & that the several Goods Wares & Merchandizes therein mentioned were realy Shipp'd or ready to be Shipp'd on board the Vessell in the same false forged & counter feit Writing mentioned on Account of the said William James Mitchel in the same forged & Counter feit Writing mentioned they the said Daniel Cheston & Nathaniel Palmer & Charles Palmer the said twentieth Day of June in the Year a.d. at the Parish & in the County a.d. took & accepted an assignment of the said false forged & Counterfeit Writing as a true bill of Lading & of the goods therein mentioned in discharge and satisfaction of the Money due & owing to them from the said William & in discharge & satisfaction of their several claims & demands against the said Daniel Perkins for conveying & transporting the said William Scall out of this Province and also that the said Daniel Cheston & Nathaniel Palmer then & there promised & Obliged themselves to pay unto the said Daniel Perkins the Sum of eighty pounds current Money in consideration of the Assignment of the said Counterfeit & forged Writing & the Goods therein mentioned which the said Daniel Perkins then & there alledged to be due & owing from & by the said William Scall to the said Daniel Perkins to the great damage of the said Daniel Cheston Nathaniel Palmer & Charles Palmer to the Evil & pernicious examples of others in like cases offending & against the peace of the said Lord Prop.y his Good Rule & Government.

(D Dulany)

Witnesses Daniel Cheston, James Ringold, Wm. Gibbs, Hugh O'neil, Moses Tennant } Ant. Test Wm. Hiselin Clk

On the Back of the aforegoing Indictment was thus indorst viz. Bill Vera Thos. Crompton foreman

Whereupon the said Daniel Perkins being heretofore bound by Recog.ce in the Sum of £200 curr.t Money with John Hopward & George Reason his Securities in the Sum of £100 like Money each for his the said Perkins's personal appearance this Court to answer the Indictm.t a.d. Thereupon the said Daniel Perkins being called appears, and being instantly demanded how he of the Indictment & premisses a.d. would acquit himself. Saith that he is in no wise guilty & for trial thereof puts himself upon the Country & Daniel Dulany Esq.r his Lordships Att.y General who &c. Saith that he is Guilty & prays that it may be enquired of by the Country in like manner.

Whereupon for trying the Issue a.d. Command is given to the Sheriff of Anne Arundell County that he immediately cause to come here Twelve good & lawfull Men of his Bailywick by whom &c. who neither &c. to Recognize &c. because as well &c. Of which said Precept the said Sheriff to wit, John Darnal Gent. makes return that he has here ready twelve &c. as by his said precept he was commanded, to wit, Thomas Stocket, James Ringsbury, Aaron Williams, William Sharples, Alexander Lackie, John Emory Jun.r Marmaduke Goodhand, James Bowie, George Risquith, Levin Sticks, Richard Adorn & Morrice Geddons Who being duly Elected tryed & sworn to Say the truth in the Premisses upon their Oath do Say, that the said Daniel Perkins is Guilty of the matter whereof he stands Indicted. Thereupon the said Daniel Perkins is Committed into the Custody of the Sheriff (of)