among others was the following proceeding viz.t

Lt. Lord Propry
James Richard

In this Case there issued a Capias directed to the Sheriff of Baltimore County commanding him to take James Richard late of Baltimore County Merchant if he should be found in his Bailiwick & him safe to keep so that he should have his body before the Justices of a County Court to be held at the Town of Joppa in & for the said County on the first Tuesday of March anno Dom. seventeen hundred & fifty five to answer unto his Lordship of & concerning his feloniously stealing of two hogsheads of Tobacco the Property of William Young Esq.r thereof he was not to fail at his peril & so forth —

Whereupon on the said first Tuesday of March that is to say on the first Tuesday of June then next to which said first Tuesday of June the same March Court here was adjourned & continued by an Act of Assembly entitulet an Act

at Joppa af.s came the said Sheriff to whom the aforesaid precept was directed to wit William Young Gentleman who returned that he had taken the body of the said James Richard & had him then there ready to answer unto his said Lordships the premisses af.s as he was commanded by the said Capias

And the Grand Jurors for the body of the said County being thereupon duly & legally sworn charged & sent out to enquire & so forth to wit John Hamilton foreman Benjamin Legg William Field Samuel Smith John Pribble Edward Throp George Cole George Batts John Roberts Wilm. Gorsuch James Elliott Charles Gorsuch Richard Carter David Carlisle Alexander McKernah Aquillas Scott Richard Garrittson return & deliver to the said Justices of the Court here the following Bill of Indictment in these words to wit Baltimore County to wit The Jurors for the Right hon.ble the Lord Propry that now is for the Body of Baltimore County do upon their Oath present that James Richard late of Baltimore County planter on the first Day of November in year of our Lord Seventeen hundred & fifty four at Baltimore County af.s with force & Arms seventeen hundred Pounds of Tobacco of the Goods & Chattels of a certain William Young then & there being found then & there feloniously stole took & bore away against the peace of the Lord propry his Government & against the form of the Act of Assembly in such Cases lately made & provided Henry Darnall on the back of which Indictment was thus endorsed viz.t The Propry against James Richards Evidence William Young Absolom Butler John Ridgely True Bill & Hamilton foreman and the aforesaid James Richards in his proper person came & Defended the force & injury when & so forth & prayed a respite thereof until the first Tuesday in August then next & he had it & the same day was given to the said Henry Darnall & so forth also Whereupon the said James Richards & a certain William Bond his Security acknowledged themselves

(indebted)

indebted unto his said Lordship the right honorable the Lord propry in the sum of forty pounds Current money each to be levied on their & each of their Bodys Goods Chattels Lands or Tenements for the use of his said Lordship his Heirs or successors with condition that if the said James Richards would & should make his personal appearance here at the then next County Court to be held at the Town of Joppa on the first Tuesday of August then next to answer unto his said Lordship concerning the premisses af.s & stand & abide by the Judgement of the said Court thereupon & not depart without the Licence thereof Sir in the mean time keep the peace & be of Good Behaviour then the above recognizance to be void else to remain in full force & Vertue

at which said next Court that is to say now on this first Tuesday & fifth Day of August on the Year of our Lord Christ seventeen hundred & fifty five at the Court House here in the Town of Joppa af.s came as well the said Henry Darnall who for the said Lord Propry prosecuteth as the same James Richard & the said James Richard produces to the Court here the right honourable the Lord proprietary his writt of Condition the Tenor Whereof follows in these Words to wit.

Maryland to wit Frederick Absolute Lord & propry of the province of Maryland & Avalon Baron of Baltimore & so forth To the Justices of Baltimore County Greeting We being willing for certain Causes that the record & proceedings of a certain presentment or Indictment depending before you against James Richard of Baltimore County Merchant should be certified by you to the Justices of our Provincial Court at the City of Annapolis command ye that the record & proceedings with every thing thereto relating as full and entire & as ample manner & form as they remain before ye whatsoever name and addition the said James Richard be reputed ye have before the Justices of our provincial Court to be held at Annapolis the third Tuesday of October next that our said Justices of our Provincial Court may do therein what of right ought to be done Witness John Brice Esq.r Chief Justice of our provincial Court the 30.th Day of May in the 5.th Year of our Dominion & anno qu.s Domini 1755

R Burdett Clk

Filed 1 august 1755 (Thos. Clark)

allow.d per John Brice

On the back of which Certiorari was the Indorsement to wit

Maryland to wit I hereby certify wherein it may concern that James Richard upon the first Day of August 1755 with John Bennitt & Charles Wallace of Anne Arundel County his Security came before me one of his Lordships Justices of the provincial Court & did recognize according to the

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