Peccata sua ex Animo confessi D. 13th September sacra coena Domini nostri Jesu Christi bona fide sumpta fuit, Quod ex officio allertatum In Baltimore Town D. 17th Sept. 1768.

Rudolphus Tobla, Mr Jones — Joh Casp Kerchner

Anthony Cosbery — V. D. M.

Thereupon the Several Oaths appointed by the Statute aforesaid are administered to them the said Henrick Strauss, Georg Adam Eckhardt Henrick Meyer who severally took the same and made repeated and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration (as now prescribed) and Test according to the form and Directions of the said Statute in such case made and provided — Test R Ghiselin Clk.

The Lord Propry & Nathan Williams Esqr. 50 Cur. Rannon Williams 50 Thomas Black 50.

Memorandum, Nathan Williams, Rannon Williams and Thomas Black of Ann Arundel County present here in Court in their proper persons, acknowledge themselves to owe & stand justly indebted to her Lordship the Lord propry in the sum of fifty pounds Current Money each to be made & levied of their Several & respective Goods & Chattles Lands & Tenements to the use of this said Lordship his heirs and Successors. In Case they do not make their personal appearance at the next Court of Assize to be held for this County and then and there testify on Behalf of his said Lordship all & Concerning the Matters whereof a certain George Collins stands charged and not depart the same Court without leave thereof —

The Lord Propry & Thomas Lewis

Anne Arundel County to wit. The Jurors for the Right Honorable the Lord Propriety that now is for the Body of Ann Arundel County upon their Oath do present that Thomas Lewis late of Ann Arundel County Shoemaker not having the fear of God before his Eyes but being moved and seduced by the Instigation of the Devil on the thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Sixty Eight with force and arms at Anne Arundel County aforesaid in and upon one John Free in the peace of God and of the said Lord propriety there and there being feloniously wilfully and of his malice afore thought did make an assault and that the said Thomas Lewis with a certain Club of the value of one penny Sterling which he the said Thomas Lewis in his right hand then and there had and held the said John Free in and upon the head of him the said John Free then and there feloniously willfully and of his Malice afore thought did Strike beat and bruise giving to the said John Free by Stricking beating and bruising the said John Free in and upon him the said John Free with the Club aforesaid in manner aforesaid several mortal Bruises of which said several Mortal Bruises the said John Free then and there instantly died, and so the Jurors aforesaid upon their Oath aforesaid do say that the said Thomas Lewis the said John Free in manner and form aforesaid feloniously willfully and of his malice afore thought did kill and murder against the peace of the Lord propriety his good rule and Government. Thos Jenings pro propro

Witnesses, Eleanor Free, John Hunter, Joseph Brewer son of Joseph, Ruth Wayman, John Tedings, Jonathan Spanow, Elizabeth Spanow, Francis Wayman, John Simpson, James Hay, Thomas Hyde, William Knapp, Ferdinando Tedings, John Bishop, Jonathan Selman, sworn to the Grand Jury. Test R Ghiselin Clk.

On the Back of the aforegoing Bill was thus indorsed to wit —

Ignoramus. Thos Beale Dorsey, Foreman.

And the aforesaid Thomas Lewis being called upon appears at the Bar of the Court here under the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County to whose Custody for the Crime aforesaid he was heretofore committed and being demanded how he of the Felony in the Indictment aforesaid on him imposed will acquit himself says that he is in no wise Guilty thereof, and for his Tryal he puts himself upon God and the Country and Thomas Jenings Esquire who for the Lord proprietary in this Behalf prosecuteth likewise —

Whereupon for trying the Issue aforesaid Command is given to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County that he immediately cause to come here twelve good & lawful men of his Bailiwick by whom &c who neither &c to recognize &c because as well &c of which said precept the said Sheriff to wit William Stewart Esq Maior returns that he has here ready twelve &c as by his said precept he was commanded to wit Thomas Watkins, Thomas Harwood, Stephen Boone, Elijah Robinson, Nathan Hammond, Joseph Howard, John Merriken, Elie Dorsey Junr, Thomas Mayo, Samuel Lane, Joseph Hall and James Walker who being duly sworn tryed and sworn to say the Truth in the Premisses upon their Oath do say that the said Thomas Lewis is not Guilty of the Felony in the Indictment aforesaid above on him imposed in manner and form as therein charged and they further find that the said Thomas Lewis did fly for the Felony aforesaid but at the time of the so flying he had no Goods or Chattles or any time since to their knowledge. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Thomas Lewis of and from the Indictment and premisses aforesaid be altogether acquit and that he go thereof without day &c. It is Ordered also that the said Thomas Lewis enter into Recognizance in the sum of two hundred pounds Current Money with two Sufficient Sureties in the sum of one hundred pounds like Money each for his the said Thomas Lewis his appearance at the next Court of Assize to be held for this County and for his good Behaviour in the mean time, & not to depart the same Court without leave thereof, But for want thereof he is committed to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County who being present took Charge of him accordingly —

Test R Ghiselin Clk

So ends this Court.

Calvert County ss. At a Session of Assize Nisi prius Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery held at the Court house in Prince Frederick Town in and for the County aforesaid on Monday the Nineteenth day of September in the 18th year of his Lordships Dominion &c Anno Domini 1768 —

Present

The Honorable Daniel of St Thos Jenifer Esqr one of his Lordships Justices —

John Reems Junr Esqr Sheriff — Reverdy Ghiselin Clk

Proclamation made in usual form &c Justices &c called over as usual.

The Sheriff being called upon to return his pannel of Jurors returns the same who being ballotted according to Law the following persons are duly drawn and appointed Grand Jurors to wit, John Bacon Foreman, John Manning, Benj Dake, John Lavell Junr, James Hughes, Benjamin Mackall son of Jno, Edmund Walker, Samuel Johnson, John Pardo, John Mills, Alex Somervelle, Abraham Bowen, Thos Freeman (Clifts) Jos Dukes, John Kent, James Bowen & John Peters, who being duly elected charged and sworn retire to consider and afterwards return and inform the Court that no Business lies before them wherefore they are ordered to be discharged —