The oath of the Grand Jury

You shall diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be given you in charge by Mr Council. So help you God.

To your oaths you shall keep secret you shall present no one for envy hatred or malice nor bear any one unpresented for bribe favour affection or hope of reward but shall present all things truly and truly according to your best of your knowledge and understanding.

Who being all sworn were sent out to consider of their bills the charge being first given them by the Judge of the Court.

The grand Jury returned and delivered to ye Court two bills one against John Patterson for Murdering the other against Richard Williams for stabbing & bloudied Bills Thos Sam Worthington Foreman and say they are willing the Court should master of Form altering no matter of substance to ye said bills and dismissed & allowed for ye Jurors twelve hundred pounds of tob. Whereupon it was commanded that a pelly be prepared by the Sheriff of Calvert County and that the said John Patterson his prisoner be bound in order to his hyall which being done the bill of Indictment was read unto him Viz.

The Jurors for our Soveraigne Lady the Queen that now is of the body of this Province being Impannelled and Sworne upon their oaths

said Lady the Queen do present John Patterson of Calvert County Mariner late Dwelling in the Province Mariner Lately belonging to the Shipp Mary & Elizabeth Jeffreys late London John Sowder Master or Commander the 26 day of June Anno in ye fifth year of the reigne of our said Lady the Queen at Calvert County aforesaid at Calvert County aforesaid on board the said Shipp Mary and the Shipp being then riding at Anchor within ye Bay of the County aforesaid with force & Armes against the peace of our said Lady the Queen that time has speciously & maliciously and upon a certaine Thomas Landshard Cooke of the said Shipp then & there in ye peace of God & our Soveraigne Lady the Queen being in Assault did Felloniously make and him the said Thomas Landshard with an Iron knife of the Value of five shillings which he the said John Patterson in his right hand then and there had did wilfully and Feloniously Stabb & thrust under the left breast & threw with and thereby a Mortall Wound to him the said Thomas Landshard of the length of two Inches & Depth of four Inches of which Mortall Wound the said Thomas Landshard then & there immediately dyed And so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths do say that ye said John Patterson the twenty Sixth day of June in ye years aforesaid on board the Shipp aforesaid