In The State of Maryland against William Howard

Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit on the twenty eighth day of July Anno domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight Luther Martin Esquire Attorney General on the behalf of the said State sued out of the Court here the State of Maylands Writ of Capias ad respondendum directed to the Sheriff of Charles County in the words and figures following to wit.

The State of Maryland sc. To the Sheriff of Charles County Greeting We command you that you take William Howard late of Charles County Yeoman if he shall be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have his Body before the Judges of our General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday of October next to answer unto us of and concerning his having wilfully perjured himself as it is presented Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then and there this Writ Witness Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 12th day of June Anno Domini 1788.

Issued the 28th day of July 1788 (L.M) Jn.o Gwinn Clk

And now here at this day to wit the said second tuesday of October being the fourteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty eight and the day of the return of the aforegoing Writ comes the said Luther Martin Esquire Attorney General on the behalf of the said State And the Sheriff of Charles County to whom the same Writ was made and directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed to wit.

Cepi Bail peace Francis Ware Sheff.

And the said Sheriff being called upon to bring into Court here the Body of the said William Howard files in Court here the following Recognizance to wit

Charles County to wit The State of Maryland vs William Howard } Pergury

You William Howard, Hezekiah Franklin and William Barnes Senior do acknowledge yourselfs to owe and stand justly indebted unto the State of Mayland in the full and just sum of five hundred pounds current Money which you and each of you acknowledge shall be levied of your Bodies Goods and Chattells Lands and Tenements in case the said William Howard do not make his personal appearance at the next General Court to be held at the City of Annapolis on the second tuesday in October next

to answer a Presentment against him for Perjury &c and not to depart the said Court without leave thereof They acknowledged themselves content this Eleaventh day of September Anno domini seventeen hundred and Eighty eight before the subscribers two Justices of the peace for Charles County aforesaid

Henry Barnes
Wm. D. Briscoe

And the said William Howard being called upon appears at the Bar of the Court here in his proper person Whereupon at the prayer of the said Luther Martin Esquire the States Attorney General the said Hezekiah Franklin and William Barnes Senior are respectively discharged from the Recognizance aforesaid

And the aforesaid William Howard being demanded how he of the Presentment and premises above on him imposed would acquit himself produced to the Court here the following Noli prosequi to wit

Annapolis September 29th 1788.

Whereas William Howard of Charles County was, at May Term last presented in the General Court for the Western shore, for having wilfully perjured himself And whereas several of the Justices and the Clerk of Charles County together with several other respectable Inhabitants of said County have certified that the said William Howard had never, to their knowledge before, been taxed with any matter that was dishonest, that from some Depositions to them produced which now accompany his petition and their knowledge of his Character, they are persuaded the charge is false and Malicious, and recommend him to the Clemency of Government. I have therefore thought proper to order and direct that all proceedings at Law for the said Offence, so far as he might be corporally affected, do cease and determine, and that no further Prosecution be had or carried on against the said William Howard for or concerning the same

W. Smallwood

To Luther Martin Esquire, Attorney General,

Which being read and heard the same is allowed Thereupon it is Ordered by the Court that the said William Howard from the presentment aforesaid and the matter therein contained be discharged upon payment of the Fees accruing to the several Officers of the Court here by occasion of the premises

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John Gwinn Clk