

U. H. Journal  
1659-98 Consider that when the Bill for Advancement of Trade is  
reassumed—

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order J LL Cl of Assembly—

Command given to the Sheriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County to Demand of Jacob Young whether he hath yet prepared himself to Answer the last Article Exhibited ag<sup>t</sup> him

The Sheriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County makes return that his Prisoner Jacob Young is now ready, and produces the Answer of the said Young to the Several Articles of Impeachment Exhibited against him being as foll (Viz<sup>t</sup>)

The Humble Answer and Plea of Jacob Young of Cecill County Planter to the Declaration and Impeachment made against him before the Lord Proprietary of this Province in his Upper house of Assembly by the Delegates and Deputies of the Lower house of the same Assembly—

The said Iacob Young being Accused and Impeached before Your Honours of the Many Misdemeanors, Offences and Crimes wherewith he is Charged by the Delegates and Deputies of this Present Assembly and which are Comprized in the Articles preferred against him; doth find in himself a Deep and hearty Sorrow that soe great and So worthy a Body should have him  
p. 476 Suspected of those things which are Objected against him; Whereas had they known the very Truth of those particulars whereof they as yet have not had the Meanes to be rightly informed, he is well assured in their own true Iudgments they would have forborne to have Charged him therewith, But the Integrity of his own heart and Conscience being the most able and impartial Witnesses, not Accusing him of the least thought of doing any Evil or Mischief to his Lordship or the Good People of this Province, doth raise his Spirits again to make his Iust Defence before his Lordship and Your Honours, of whose Wisdom Iustice and Honour he is so well Assured, that he doth with Confidence and yet with all Humbleness Submitt himself to your Examination and Iudgments, And the said Jacob Young Saving to himself the usuall Benefit of not being prejudiced by any words or want of form in his Answer but that he may be Admitted to make further Explanation and proof as there shall be Occasion, doth make these Severall and Distinct Answers following in the Same Order they are laid down unto him

1<sup>st</sup> The said Jacob Young utterly denyeth that he ever Alienated or at any time Endeavoured to Alienate his Affection from the Lord Proprietary of this Province and his Gov-