

Room, where they sometimes Dress Victuals, and there was a Company of  
about ten or Dozen Men sitting in said passage, amongst which there was  
one Man had a sword by his side (who as this Depont was Informed) was Mr.  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Perrie who upon sight of this Depont Damned him, and Askd him  
severall times, if he was for a Tobacco Law, or not, if he was, that he should  
have some punch (if not) he should have none, and that his Room was very  
good Company, this Deponant also saith that an Old man that Lost some  
Money at Dice that Night they Call Drury Swore that Mr. Perrie or himself  
should fight him either with a sword or without it, This Depont further  
saith that it Instantly Came into his mind of Hobbs, that Constrained person  
either to Agree with their Sentiments or to be knock'd Down, the Consequence  
that might happon he did not know, However, Answered 'em as followeth,  
first that if he wanted any Punch, he could have it without being Obliged  
to them, Secondly that his Declaring himself for, or against a Tobacco Law,  
would be of no service to the Countrey, because he had no Vote in the House of  
Assembly but as he had a Family to maintain, should be very Glad of a  
Tobacco Law provided 'twas a good one, Thirdly, he further saith, that  
he told 'em that if he had Disobliged any of the Company, he should think  
it his Duty to Ask pardon, but in as much, as know he had given no offence,  
he made use of this Extravagant Expression Viz<sup>t</sup>. that he would as soon be Damned  
to a Driffle, as Submit, and be bullied by them, notwithstanding there was so  
many of 'em and had a sword, upon which this Depont saith, Three or four  
of the Company rose of their Chairs and very much Importuned him to sit  
Down with 'em, he also saith that he Directly Called for a Bowl of punch, &  
sat Down with 'em, and after some Discourse they told this Depont that  
severall people, had been sleeping in, and Listening to their Discourse, had made  
Remarks and Spoke of severall things that was said amongst 'em, and that  
they thought Mr. Peter Taylor to be one that took Notice of what they said &  
this Depont for another, However In a short time Mr. Perrie began to Curse  
the Eastershore Burgesses prodigiously, because they was against a Tobacco  
Law, but particularly James Hollyday Esq<sup>r</sup>. and that he said Hollyday was  
not fitt to be in the House, this Depont saith that he Askd said Mr. Perrie,  
why and said Perrie Answerd that Mr. Carol Bulliod and Scarod. M<sup>r</sup>.  
Hollyday some time ago about a Tobacco Law and that said Hollyday was  
Influenced by Esq<sup>r</sup>. Bennetts Likewise from making a Tobacco Law, This  
Depont also saith that he told Mr. Perrie that he never took Mr. Hollyday