

The Deposition of Peter Dermott of Cæcill County Planter  
aged about 26 years. Liber B.  
P. R. O.

Peter Dermott's Deposition against Giles Porter & als.  
Sayth that upon the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July last past this Deponent being att the house of Phillip Bergen in Sassafrax in Cæcill County in Company with Giles Porter, the said Phillip Bergen, Ralph Chiffem and Francis Child this Deponent was in the Kitchin of the said House and the said Giles Porter, Phillip Bergen, Ralph Chiffem and Francis Child sate a little before the door of the said Kitchin and the said four persons being drinking healths the said Giles Porter said he would drink the Duke of Monmouth's health for York had been a bloody rogue and had poisoned his own Brother King Charles and was the first Invention of Burning the City of London whereupon Phillip Bergen said hold your tongue for you speak treason the said Giles Porter answered he knew he did speak treason which was all this Deponent can swear he heard spoken by the said Company att that time. This Deponent being then very weak could not goe to make his complaint to a Magistrate in 15 dayes and about the beginning of August this Deponent went to M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Allom a Justice of the Peace of the said County and informed him what he had heard the said Giles Porter say whereupon the said Allom issued out his warrant to apprehend the said four persons and to have them before his Ldp's Com<sup>rs</sup> att the next County Court which was then very near att hand Att which Court this Deponent attended to give Information against the said persons Butt when it happened the said persons were called this Deponent was a sleep upon his awake he came into Court and found that the said Persons had been called and were goeing to be cleared by Proclamation the which M<sup>r</sup> Dare one of the Com<sup>rs</sup> withstood whereupon the said persons were bound to make their appearance att the next County Court and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn before the Council  
This Deposition was sworn to before the Council by the said Peter Dermott

Jam. Heath Cl. Consil:

Proceedings of Cæcill County agt Giles Porter & als produced.  
Then was by the Sheriff of Cæcill County produced the proceedings in Cæcill County Court against the said persons and is as followeth viz<sup>t</sup>

The Proceedings of Cæcill County Court against Giles Porter M<sup>r</sup> Child one Ralph and Phillip Burgen and other matters thereunto relateing concerning libellous and scandelous words spoken against our Sovereign Lord King James the Second upon the Information of one Peter Dermott.

Att a Court held for Cæcill County the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August