

Peter Dermott for to prosecute against Giles Porter M<sup>r</sup> Child one Ralph and Phillip Burgen which was accordingly done. And understanding that the said Peter Dermott was that day seen att the Court House who came there with an Intent to prosecute the persons above mentioned diligent search was made by the Sheriff and Constables at length Thomas Yerbury constable of Bohemiah Hundred found him not far from the Court House behind a shady Bush who told him that he had there slept and thereupon was imediately brought before the Court to give in his Testimony concerning the above-mentioned words which followeth in these words.

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1686.

The Deposition of Peter Dermot.

A Memorandum of High Treason spoken against the late King James the Second by one Giles Porter one M<sup>r</sup> Child one Ralph one Phillip Burgen att his house upon the eleventh of July 1686 I being there by name Peter Dermott coming by a mischance having a sore legg and being in a very bad condition and could not goe upon my feet I being upon a bedd in a kind of a kitchen and they being in a yard before the door sitting round about a Table with a Bowl of Punch discoursing about the Duke of Monmouth they begann to drink a Health but they said they were sure he was alive still and swore damm them but they would drink a health to the Duke of Monmouth this same Giles Porter rising up said he would drink the Duke of Monmouth's health for York hath been a Bloody Rogue for he hath poisoned his Brother the late King Charles and began the first Invention of burning of London and this I can take my oath upon itt before God and the world to all well disposed Magistrates & good Christians.

Peter Dermott

Upon this Deposition the said Peter Dermott was sworn to in open Court.

Upon which the Court then ordered that the Sheriffe take into his Custody the above mentioned persons to answeere to the Prosécution of the said Peter Dermott on the behalf of the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> for speaking those libellous and scandelous words, in November Court next.

And Peter Dermott did acknowledge himself in open Court to be bound to the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> in the sum of £50. sterling to prosecute the said Giles Porter M<sup>r</sup> Child one Ralph and Phillip Burgen on the behalf of the said Lord Proprietary att the same Court in November next.

signed

Geo: Oldfield Cl: Cæcill Co: