

Liber B. Thomas Smith pet:

P. R. O.

Most humbly sheweth.

p. 117 That whereas Michaell Taney Gent: high sheriff of Calvert County upon the 23th day of June An: Dom: 1687 at a County Court holden at Calvert Town for the said County of Calvert did recover judgement against your Petitioner for 1472^{lbs} of Tobaccoe with cost of suite being the four fold of one hhd. of Tobaccoe of the neat quantity of 368^{lbs} of Tobaccoe marked with the proper mark of the said Michaell Taney which your Petitioner being the receiver of the Tobacco of one Samuell Young in the said County by the order and appointment of the said Samuell Young he the said Young telling your Pet^r he had an order under the hand of the said Michaell Taney for the said hhd. of Tobaccoe did scratch out the mark of the said Hogs^d of Tobacco and received and marked the said hhd. of Tobacco for the use of the said Young (not in contempt of the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided nor intentionally to doe any Injury or wrong to the said Michaell Taney) but verily beleeving that the said Young had an order for the said hhd. of Tobacco as he did protest he had in writeing under the hand of the said Michaell Taney, and your Petitioner understanding that the said Act of Assembly doth provide against all such person or persons which doth offend in such cases, shall stand in the Pillory with his offence writ upon his back. Now your Pet^r humbly prayes your Hon^{rs} to take the premises into your serious consideration that what your Pet^r did in that behalf was by the false suggestions of the said Young and not in contempt of the said Act of Assembly and to order the Clk of his Lo^{ps} indictments for Calvert County not to prosecute your Pet^r whereby he may be brought to that disgrace to stand in the Pillory. And your Pet^r as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

The said Pet^r Smith produced a Certificate under the hands of the Com^{rs} of Calvert County as followeth viz:

To the Hon^{ble} the Deputyes Lieut^s of this Province

Com^{rs} Calvert County }
 Cert: abt Tho. Smith. } Whereas Michaell Taney Gent: high Sheriff of Calvert County upon the 23th day of June A. D. 1687. at a County Court holden at Calvert Town for the said County of Calvert hath obtained Judgement and recovered against one Thomas Smith the bearer hereof the sum of 1472^l Tob: with cost of suite being the four fold, for that he the said Thomas Smith did confess in Court that he the said Smith being the receiver of the Tobaccoe of one Sam. Young a Merchant did scratch out the mark and dispose of