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Tuesday the day appointed for holding the Proventiall Court the Convention sate long in Councill and was late before the Court was called Expecting I suppose a Returne of the messenger they had sent to Petuxant to see for newes from England by the shipp that come in that day before in w<sup>ch</sup> I heard they Rec<sup>d</sup> sev<sup>ll</sup> letters from Cap<sup>t</sup> Cood and M<sup>r</sup> Chesleyne that his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s had aproved there proceedings in Maryland granting their Request for a Protest. Gouvernmt and that Co<sup>ll</sup> Copley was the Gentle. pitcht upon to come w<sup>th</sup> the K Command and whereupon the Court was called M<sup>r</sup> Na Blakeston Coll<sup>ll</sup> Henry Jowles M<sup>r</sup> Tho: Tench M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Addison M<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason D<sup>r</sup> Io: Brooks all members of the Convention Iustices M<sup>r</sup> Io: Knellin Ck. and M<sup>r</sup> Henry Lawrence Cryer and so adjourned to next day Wensday the grand Iury sent out and found the Bill ag<sup>t</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Sewell and the other foure on thursday they were brought to Tryall and what was there said I have butt by Relation that upon there arregnm three pleaded nott guilty Woodcock pleaded the Iurisdiction of the Court and would nott pleade to the feete and his default was twice Recorded and the Court told him that the third time was Panall to him Death without mercy then he pleaded nott guilty and prayd Councill butt nott granted Petty Iury Called the Prisoners made nott many Challenges M<sup>r</sup> Geo Playton the Kings attorney opened the Charge of murther and went to prove the mather of fact then the K evidences were summoned w<sup>ch</sup> Consisted chiefly of those men M<sup>r</sup> Payne had pressed to goe along with him to seize the yacht amongst others of those wittnesses and one that speake the most home to the purpose was one Iohn Keenaly who had been examined in the case in Virginia when they were bayled he speake to that part that I: P. told them in the yacht he was the K. Coll<sup>r</sup> & told him and some of the rest with him that he had presst them to goe along with him to seize the yacht as Coll for that the Mast<sup>r</sup> did trade betweene V. & M. and made no Entry and soe defrauded the K of his dues and something he said as to M<sup>r</sup> Woodcocks being the man that shott Payne by Describing his pson and cloaths but not very Possetive that the presence at the ken killed him the Prisoner Excepted against his Evidence as being Convixt for manslaughter att the Pro<sup>ll</sup> Co<sup>t</sup> & burnt in the hand and allsoe against Tho: Price another materiall Evidence who had been Condemned to dye for house breakeing I think in the day time butt had a pardon the Court called for to see the Record of itt keenely or otherwise it would not Invalidate the kings Recordance order is then sent upp to search the records in the Custody of M<sup>r</sup> Knellin the Record of there Conviction could nott be found in the office and though there were some present in court who were