

for which reasons and for that the said Geo Luke and W^m Burnet do manifestly see that there is no redress to be had for them from the Governor and Council the Governor being a Party as also the Informer being next to him in Council and for the several Imperfections in the Information Exhibited against the said W^m Burnet Ship and Goods and the severall illegal means used to bring the said ship to Condemnation The said Geo Luke in the behalf of himself and the said Burnet doth solemnly protest as well against the Illegality of the proceedings of the said Court of Oyer and Terminer as against the said Governor and Informer for all Costs Losses & Damages sustained by the said Luke Burnet and all others Concerned by reason of the illegal Proceedings aforesaid In witness whereof I the said Thomas Lawrence at the request of the said Luke have hereunto set my hand & Seal of my Office the day and Year abovesaid

A true Copy of the Protest of Geo Luke of Virginia Merch^t against certain proceedings relating to the Ship Margaret and the Condemnation thereof, Sworn before and Signed the day and Year abovewritten

p me
Tho^s Lawrence

The Deposition of William Harpam of S^t Marys County p. 170
aged two and thirty Years or thereabouts as follows (viz^t)

The Deponent upon Oath taken upon the holy Evangelist saith that some time on or about the beginning of March last past walking with the Governor and M^r Luke in S^t Marys Old Field after some discourse past between his Exc^{llcy} & the said Luke about the Ship that was seized he the Deponent heard M^r Luke ask his Excellency when the Council met, for that he was resolved to appeal to his Excellency and Council in that matter his Exc^{llcy} told him the Council would meet the Sixth day of April to which M^r Luke again said their time would be Elapsed before then his Exc^{llcy} made answer their time was already Elapsed but however if he had any thing to Offer to him & the Councell, he might apply himself to them then, and he would take no advantage of the time being elapsed

W^m Harpam

Iurat Sexto die Aprilis Anno Dom
1693 coram me

Nea Blakiston

et coram me

J Lewellin

at the Same time was also produced and ordered to be read this following Letter (viz^t)