

troubles here, which the defendant denies by his Answer and the plantiffe wanting his proofes desires a respite till the next Court, which is ordered accordingly, and the Compt is then to produce his proofes. Liber B.

Willm Stone Esq Governour plt } The Governour moves the Coun-  
Mr William Battan defendan } cell by Petition to have reliefe against  
the defendant for 10000 pounds of Tobacco and Caske which he alledged he hath been damnified by the defendant by Entertaining his overseer to drink in his house & otherwise pnt p petition; the defendt pleads he wants his proofs in the Busieness and requests the Court to Grant him respite till the next Court, which is ordered accordingly by which time he is to Summon his Wittness: and to appeare peremptorily

His Lordships Attorney Complained against Willm Battan for Selling or retailing of wine and other Strong Drink & Suffering the Same to be drunk in his owne house without Licence Contrary to the Law of England in that behalfe And the Said Battan not denying the Same, It is ordered that he pay one hundred pound of Tobacco & Caske fine to the Lord proprietary for his offence in that respect

The Deposition of Robert Taylor aged about 30  
yeares being Sworne and Examined in open Court  
the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1652 Sayeth

That he doth conceive that the Governor was much damnified for want of plants the last yeare, And he doth alsoe believe that the drink which James Morphew had at m<sup>r</sup> Battans was the Cause of it, and verily believeth the Governour could not be less prejudiced then twelve hhds of Tobacco by the Said James Morphews Neglect in his occasions the last yeare  
Sworne in open Court

The Deposition of John Tompkinson Aged 35 years  
or.thereabouts Sworne and Examined in open  
Court this 20<sup>th</sup> January 1652 Sayeth

That James Morphew Servant or Overseer to W<sup>m</sup> Stone Esq Governour of this Province did Neglect his Busieness in the Beginning of the year in drinking at m<sup>r</sup> Battans Thereby Neglecting Sowing of Tobacco Seed and for the want of plants could not plant his Crop in a Seasonable time as other men did, By which means the Said Governor as this Depon<sup>t</sup> verily believeth was damnified in his Crop to the Value of fifteen or Sixteen hhds of Tobacco at the least more then he made, and further this depon<sup>t</sup> Sayth Not p. 389

Sworne in open Court