

U. H. J. Day the said M^r Lillingstone and his Company Bespoke a Dinner to be brought to the water side and a Table to be there where they did Carrouse that Day, and the Company would have a name of the Meeting what their Meeting should be called by, and it was answered a Convention M^r William Finney can give your Excellency a more larger Account, and also the names of the Persons of that Society who is ready when your Excellency requires; I am

Your Excell^{ys} most humble & Obedient Servant
Griffith Jones.

16th May 1692

The Information of M^r William Finny of Talbot County saith That in February last M^r John Lillingston in Company with Michael Earle, Joseph Green, John Hinson, Thomas Smith, Joseph Lambert and severall others which the Informant cannot remember Came to Talbot County Court during their sitting and holding Court in the said month of February, and took a room in the Court house over the Commissioners Chamber one day during the said Court the said Thomas Smith Came into the Commissioners Room, and asked them by what Authority they held Court. The Informant asked him how he dare ask such a Question but he had denyed he had said so, M^r Edmondson being present walked along the
p. 624 Roome Averred he did so, the Informant (to the best of his Remembrance) called him Impudent fellow or such like Term, and Commanded him out of the Room; The Day following and the Court being over, the Informant having some Business, and coming to the Court house he saw a great Deal of Victualls coming out of the Court house, and Carrying into the field, and meeting with M^r Salter the man of the house, he asked the Informant if he would not go to Dinner with them; The Informant asked him with whom so the said Salter told him of the whole Gang; but hearing by M^r Griffith Jones, and the said M^r Salter what mad pranks they had played the night before; The Informant refused and did not go among them, for he was told they had been drinking all night, some of them had ridd their horses into the Court house, some in their frolicks had put themselves into the Pillory and there they Drank that Day at the Point they were so drunk that they fell together by the Ears; and Michael Earle flung Joseph Green in the Water and Lillingstone fell to Cursing Michael Earle &c. And in their frolicks they would give a Name to their place of Meeting, and Lillingston he said it should be called the Convention; but others said no, that would be too broad; It should be Called Lambeth Hall, the aforesaid Company continued in their frolicks for the space of four Days or thereabouts.

William Finney.