

that the said Welsh did illegally execute the s<sup>d</sup> Servant and Doe therefore ord<sup>r</sup> that the said Servant be returned to the s<sup>d</sup> Homewood, and that the s<sup>d</sup> Welsh pay to the said Homewood the just summe of four thousand pounds of tobacco for Damages and the said Servants time five moneths in the said Welsh's possession from the time he was first Executed.

Signed &c<sup>a</sup>

At a Councell held at John Bakers house at the Citie of S<sup>t</sup> Maries the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October in the 3<sup>d</sup> year of the Domin. of the R<sup>tt</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles &c. Annoq Domini 1678:

The Hon <sup>ble</sup>	{	Thomas Notley Esq <sup>r</sup> Governo <sup>r</sup>	}	P <sup>r</sup> sent
		Philip Calvert Esq <sup>r</sup> Chancelo <sup>r</sup>		
		William Calvert Esq <sup>r</sup> Sec <sup>ry</sup>		
		L <sup>tt</sup> Coll. Thomas Taylor		
		Coll: Henry Coursey		
		Majo <sup>r</sup> Benjamin Rozer		

Having recd: Divers Complaints from all parts of the Province ag<sup>t</sup> the respective Sheriffes thereof for takeing Extortious ffees and other their illegall & tyrannicall proceedings upon the poor Inhabitants The Governo<sup>r</sup> and Councell take the same into their consideration & ord<sup>r</sup> that for redress of greivances of that nature a Proclamation be issued forth w<sup>ch</sup> was accordingly Done and is as foll: viz

By the L<sup>tt</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup>

A Proclamation

Forasmuch as I have been credibly informed by the great complaints generally recd: from all p<sup>ts</sup> of the Province of the grand absurdities & abuses committed by the severall Sheriffes of this Province upon severall of the Inhabitants of the same that the Sheriffes Doe assume to themselves an Exorbitant illegall power of Leaving Executions when & where they please und<sup>r</sup> pretence of Doeing the same for his Lopps Dues & other Officers ffees notwithstanding the same have indeed been first duely paid and Satisfied, threatening & terrifying the Inhabitants out of the same by colour of their Office. And whereas I have been also informed that such p<sup>sons</sup> as have been soe wronged & abused as aforesaid have been by the insolent and haughty behavio<sup>r</sup> of the Sheriffes terrified from making their just Complaints knowne, and consequently of receiving any redress and releife in their greivances. Which my Self and his Lopps. Councill having taken into consideration and willing to cleare our Selves of any aspersion that