The Deposition of John Watson of St Maries County aged Lib. R. R. R.
five and thirty yeares or thereabouts

The Deponent upon oath examined saith that sometime in
the moneth of July last past, he being on board the Mann of
Warr Ketch Cap^t Thomas Allen Command^r then at Anchor in
Pottomock River falling into discourse with the Captain, and
being asked from whence he came, he the Deponent said,
from Maryland side, the Dep^t asked him, from whence he
came, he answered from Whitehall, and said he understood
the King was cheated in his customs both in Maryland and
Virginia, that many shipps came in here, which had not their
due cleareings from England, all wch he was to looke after;
The Deponent said th^t if the King were cheated of his cus-
toms, My Lord Baltemore was also cheated, & further he
saith not

Jurat 5° Die Novembris 1684:   Jo: Watson
coram me
        Thomas Taillor

At a Councill held at the City of St Maries the Eighth and
Twentieth day of November 1684:

	Coll Thomas Taillor	
	Coll Vincent Lowe	
The hon^{ble}	Coll Henry Darnall	Present
	Maj^r Nicholas Sewall	
	Mr John Darnall	

Came the Sheriff of St Maries County and made returne of
a his warr^t of the 25th instant for the apprehending and
takeing into custody the body of one Cap^t William Wheeler
whom he had taken and had now p^rsent as thereby he was
required, the warr^t and returne being as followeth (viz:)

Warr^t to app^rehend Cap^t Wm Wheeler

Maryl^d ss

Whereas wee have been credibly informed that Cap^t
William Wheeler hath lately and frequently uttered diverse
revileing and reproachfull speeches tending to the derogation p. 148
of his L^{sps} Governm^t and the disturbance of the peace of this
Province. These are therefore to will and require as also
strictly to charge and command you in the name of the R^t
hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} to apprehend and take into yor custody
the body of the said William Wheeler, and him safely keepe,