

Lib. R. R. R. Acomack ss:

Memdū about the 20th of January last (viz:) 1684: One Richard Stevens, with one Richard Baily and William in a boate about 16 foote keele bound, and on their voyage from Choptank to Northampton County in Virginia putt on shoare at Watts or Gabriells Island adjacent to Accomack County, and in the boate about or neere 20000^l of tob^o value, the men being on shoare neere the boate, by a fire, in the close of Evening came 4 men (viz.) One Roger Makeele, one p. 192 called M^r Smith, one other white man, and One negro came to the boate, with 3 people appertaineing to one M^r Jenckins plantation on s^d Island; Two of the men entred the boate, Roger commanding to putt off, Stevens forbad, and laid hands on the grapling, Roger violently thrust him from it into the water, and commanded them to putt off, which they did, all the 4 men being visibly well armed with gunns & swords, one other of Rogers crew, and one of the Islanders went into a shallop there rideing by, and went off in company with the aforesaid boate, in the meane while Roger with many threatening words, and daunting expressions in company with other two Islanders staid at the water side, about two houres after the aforesaid 4 men returned in the shallop belonging to Roger, haveing left Stevens boate and goods (as they supposed) upon some other Island not farr distant; Roger ordered 2 men of the Island to stay armed all that night at the water side, to guard the said Makeeles and Confederates water vessells which were two; himself and crew with one called Overseer of the Island goeing to the house, which was about a mile distant; next day Stevens and the other two goeing to the house, found them drinking and feasting with Rumm or Brandy, mutton Turkeys &c^a but would not entertaine or releive whom they had robb'd. After two daies and nights being there detained fasting &c^a Roger ord'ed one of his crew, and one of the Island crew to sett the said three men on shoare, whereupon a small boate was Launched which had layne hid amongst tenderwoods, and sett them on shoare to the maine, Landing them in a remote place upon Marishes, and immediately returned, but exacted from them some of their clothes for their soe doeing. The said Bailey, and William, may be in Dorsett County, if think fitt to be better informed, but Stevens made oath to the substance of the above relation in Accomack Court, and that he knew Roger by former acquaintance. About a Sea'nnight following a slooppe with about 8 or 900^l of goods being bound to the Eastern shore from the Westerne, comeing to Anchor under s^d Island, two men went on shoare; where were with many large Invitacōns Invited to come all of the men on shoare, and refresh