

Liber R. security he would release him, whereunto the said Stavely answered that as he was a Justice or Conservato^r of the peace he ought not to become security for any person that was guilty of the breach of the peace; The said Stavely also saith that he has been credibly informed and hath heard it reported by severall persons that M^r English should tell them that (whereas they had sett their hands to a petition against him and were thereupon summoned down before my Lord and Councill,) if they would but come to his house and acknowledge the wrong they had done him, he would excuse them from goeing downe.

M^r Joseph Hopkins saith that he was then present at Court when Edward English Sheriff of the County attached the bodyes of Philip Holeager One of the Justices and of Swithen Wells Clark of the Court, that the other Justices thereof would have thereupon adjourned the Court but the Clerk told them he was then a prisoner and uncapable of sitting there neither would he sitt by which means for want of a Clark the Court brake up without adjourning. He likewise saith that since his L^{d^{sp}} had made M^r Edward English high Sheriff of Cæcil County he had behaved himself very high and arrogantly to the people there not sticking to say that since his L^{spp} had given him the Comānd of the County the people must and should love him and feare him, and that he hath heard that M^r English or his Subsheriff should threaten and give out publickly that when they went about to Receive the Rents and leavys they would meete with some particular persons that had sett their hands to a petition and they would strip draw and tumble their Tobacco sufficiently; He likewise heard it reported that M^r English should say if those people that had subscribed would but come to him and Acknowledge they had done him wrong and give under their hands for it he would excuse them from comeing downe.

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George Starton saith that he had some Actions depending against M^r English in the County Court which he could never bring to a termination He as Sheriff still circumventing and putting off the Courts which was the reason of his subscribing the petition.

Ebenezer Blakstone saith in substance that it has been the common practice of M^r English to huff and hector at the whole County and he generally proclaimes that he cann out witt the whole County.

Richard Pullen saith that he haveing bought a Plantation of my L^d and being in possession thereof, M^r English came one day and broke open a Chamber doore in his house, and seized the goods that were there, and the said Pullen demanding of him pay for storeage, M^r English putt him off slightlyly