

Liber R. At a Councill held at the City of S^t Maries the second Day of May Anno Dmi 1682

Present

The R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry}
 The hon^{ble} { Philip Calvert Esq^r Chancelo^r Coll Thomas Tailler
 William Calvert Esq^r Secry Coll Will^m Stevens
 Vincent Lowe Esq^r Sur. Gen^{ll}

At w^{ch} tyme James Bowleing of S^t Maries County gentl exhibited ag^t John Pryor M^rchant this following information viz.

Dennis Husculah of S^t Maries County Planter informes that liveing about five miles from the place where One John Pryor m^rchant of London keeps store of late he hath seene severall Indians pass by his house with bundles of Deere skinns, who told me that they had sold those Deere skinns to the aforesaid M^rchant, and further informes that his house being within four Miles of the Indian Towne Zachajah, and haveing often occasion to have conference with the said Indians, and more especially of late to the Intent to buy Deere
 P. 315 Skinns to supply my greate necessity for Cloatheing have been told by the s^d Indians that all the Deer skinns they have had of late they have sold and disposed of to one John Pryor the aforesaid M^rchant, and to One James Smallwood for the s^d M^rchants use, which he presumes to be contrary to the Act of Assembly in that case provided, and greatly to the hinderance of the Inhabitants who are hereby prevented from buying Deere skins of the s^d Indians the onely hopes of Cloatheing our selves this scarce yeare of goods.

Also Edward Turno^r Informes that haveing Conference of late with the Docto^r of Harris' Shipp he the s^d Doctor told this Informer that he saw the aforesaid John Pryor buy Deere skinns of the Indians at Westwood house.

Whereupon ordered that the Sheriff of S^t Maries County be Comanded to summons the s^d John Pryor together with Thomas Gerard, Thomas Helgar Dennis Huscula and the Chyrurgion of Harris Shipp to appeare before his L^d^{spp} and Councill some tyme dureing this Provinciall Court and accord- ingly issued this following precept. (viz.)

By the Lord Prop^{ry} & Councill

Maryland ss:

You are hereby willed and Required forthwith upon sight hereof to summon John Pryor M^rchant, Thomas Gerard, Thomas Helgar, Dennis Husculah, and the Chyrurgion of Harris Shipp that all excuses sett apart they and every of them be and personally appeare before his L^d^{spp} and Councill