

Court would not grant it because there was Criminell matter Lib. II. D. mencon'd in the bill nor would the Court grant an Attachm^t ag^t the s^d Cood for the Kings D^t sued for till a Dec. filed Cobby left and two Writts return'd the s^d Cood not found and every part of the Act of Assembly Answered,

(2) In Saying that the Govern^r Came Down to the Court four days together and did there Endeavour to prove the Peticōn^r guilty of Crimes that might deserve Imprisonm^t but that after all his threats the Evidences not Swearing what he desir'd was disappointed of his Design Wee say its desperately false and Untrue for the Govern^r did not Come four days to the Court nor more than two and the Cause of his Coming he declar'd to bee to give the Countrey an Acco^t th^t he had Rēcd: Severall advices which induced him to believe there was some ill minded p^rsons in S^t Maries County Endeavouring to Raise disturbance and disquiet in the Governm^t and because he said there was some p^rsons in Court th^t could prove severall detracting and Villifizing discourses and Expressions of the Government which is generally the fore-runners and Instrum^{ts} of disturbance he Caused them to be Examined before the Court and Countrey which by their Evidence did most Effect and therefore the Govern^r did charge the s^d discourses upon the s^d Clark but th^t the Govern^r did Either threaten or p^rswade Either the Court or Evidence is most Impudently false and wee do verily believe th^t the Govern^{rs} principall motive to be so Carefull in th^t matter was to prevent disturbance and to preserve Peace & quiet in the Province for so he Declar'd.

(3) In saying th^t Proclamacōn was issued out promising a Reward of twenty pounds to any th^t would Swear the Pet^r was Endeavouring to raise a Rebellion in S^t Maries County We can only say th^t we never heard of any such Proclamation and p^rsume if any such had been some of us should have seen or heard of it we have all heard and seen a Proclamacōn about that time issued declaring that in Regard there was Suspission of some practices on foot in S^t Maries County to Raise Rebellion That therefore if any p^rson knew thereof and would Come and discover the Same they should have twenty pounds Sterl. Reward and if they had been Engaged therein should have their pardon for the Same by which Proclamation We Conceive th^t the Peticōn^r might reap as much benefit as any other p^rson the promise being Gen^l and the Saying th^t the Proclamacōn was or had Relation to the Pet^{rs} particular person is basely false and Scandalous. This we affirm for undoubted truth of our own knowledge & which we thought necessary to declare to the Countrey for detecting the ffalsi- p. 80