## 180 Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1696/7-98.

Lib. H. D. tyes in the sd Peticon or rather false and Scandalous libell mention'd.

Read & approved off by us of the Grand Jury.

Rich<sup>d</sup> Benton Inº Hamon Hen: Fernly Forem: Rich<sup>d</sup> Hill Jesep. Edlo Iohn Scott Henry Eldesley Thos Tasker Robt Hobbs Edwd Larrmore W<sup>m</sup> Hatton Thomas Wells Ralph Smith Phil. Hoskins Thos Lacur Thos Steley Edw<sup>d</sup> Philpott Iams Abram Inº Jacob W<sup>m</sup> Ebden Aron Rawling Josep: Peake John Pargemot Inº Chavers John Alford Ben: Ricaud Inº Mº Clester Morg: Jones

To his Exney Sr Edm<sup>d</sup> Andros Knight Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall and

Govern in Chief of his Mats Colony of Virginia.

The Humble Pet. of Philip Clarke of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County in his ma<sup>ts</sup> Province of Maryland most humbly Sheweth to yor Ex<sup>ncy</sup>

That whereas yo' Peticon' in the late Revolution Mr Clarks Pet. was admitted & Sworne an Attorney in the to Sr Edmund Andros &ca Prov<sup>11</sup> Court and in Severall of the County Courts of the sd Province and in the Same did Practice till the tenth day of August last at which time yor Petioner Recieved a Sumons to appear and serve his Mats as a Justice of the Prov<sup>II</sup> Court, upon weh Sumons yor Petition did most humbly Petition his Exney the present Govern that for a smuch as he had been alway's ready to Serve his most Sacred Maty in the late revolution and since, & tht the Practice of an Attorney was that upon wenthe whole maintenance of his ffamily did depend did therefore most humbly pray that he might not be discharged from his sd Office of an Attorney by being made one of the sd Justices neither of wch Reasons did prevail with his Exncy Soe the yor Petition in Obedience to the sd Comission did accept of the same hopeing by this Submission to Continue his Practice in the Severall other Courts of the Province but his Exncy having in December Court last Conceiv'd a prejudice agt yor Petion for what yor Petion knows not, Except for Refusing as Judge of the sd Court to grant a Judgmt agt Coll John Cood Contrary to Law, did for four days together Come down to the provil Court and Sit there in his proper prson where he did Endeavour to prove yor Petionr Guilty of Some Crime that might deserve Imprisonm but the p. 81 Evidence after all his threats not Swearing as he desired was