

“ which he had found on the Road as he came a Long and Lib. M.
“ was Desired to put it up there, with that I parted with him
“ and had no more Talk, this is what I know, and could De-
“ clare it on my Oath Sworn to the Truth of the above written
“ Facts by M^r John Abington, before the Governour & Coun-
“ cil this 31st of October 1728 Test

Geo. Plater Cl. Co.

Philip Lee Esq^r one of his Lordships Provincial Justices
lays before this Board the Deposition of Edward Harris of
Queen Anns County taken before him & Coll: Levin Gale
one other of his Lordships said Justices the Tenor of which is
as follows, Viz.

“ The Deposition of Edward Harris of Queen Anns County
“ Aged about Twenty nine Years being Sworn on the Holy
“ Evangelists of Almighty God, before the Honble Philip Lee
“ Esq^r & Coll Levin Gale two of his Lordships Justices of the
“ Provincial Court and Interrogated Declares as follows Viz.

“ This Deponant Saith to the best of his knowledge on
“ Tuesday night the 15th of this Instant October he was going
“ through George Nelsons Middle Room, where they Some-
“ times Dress Victuals, and there was a Company of about tenn p. 4
“ or Dozen Men Sitting in said Passage, amongst which there
“ was one Man had a Sword by his Side (who as this Depon^t
“ was Inform^d) was Maj^r Sam^l Perrie who upon Sight of this
“ Depon^t Damn^d him, and Ask^d him Severall times, if he
“ was for a Tobacco Law, or not, if he was, that he should
“ have some punch (if not) he should have none, and that his
“ Room was very good Company this Deponant also Saith
“ that an Old man Lost some money at Dice that Night they
“ Call Drury Swore that M^r Perry or himself should fight him
“ Either with a Sword or without it. This Depon^t further
“ Saith that it Instantly Came into his mind of Mobbs, that
“ Constraines persons Either to Agree with their Sentiments or
“ to be knock^d Down, the Consequence that might happen he
“ did not know, However, Answered ^{em} as followeth, first
“ that if he wanted any Punch, he Cou^d have it without being
“ Obliged to them, Secondly that his Declareing himself for, or
“ against a Tobacco Law, wou^d be of no Service to the Coun-
“ try, because he had no Vote in the House of Assembly but
“ as he had a Family to Maintain, should be Very Glad of a
“ Tobacco Law provided ^{twas} a good one. Thirdly, he
“ further Saith, that he told ^{em} that if he had Disobliged any
“ of the Company, he shou^d think it his Duty to Ask pardon,
“ but in as much, as knew he had given no Offence, he made