

up the River Saying You complaine Your Shallop is Leakey let that be Your Excuse if any come Board but who You are acquainted with M<sup>r</sup> Hill sayed he wished he had the things on board the Shallop under Sayle with a fair wind he would give twenty pounds, told him when discoursed of Clearing there was no need of it. Was at M<sup>rs</sup> Clarks house and helped downe with a Cart Load of Goods Saw Several Persons assisting there was two Carts discribes one short man ruddy Complexioned waddled and had a Cane in his hand at the house there was an old gray headed man and a little boy mannged one of the Carts they tooke in the goods on Thursday and Fryday last. Richard Clarke gave the Declarant a paper open Saw Clarke write it and Clarke Said it was Instructions for him wholly to apply himself to M<sup>r</sup> Hill.

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April the 8th 1707	}	John Spry
Sworn to before his Ex <sup>ncy</sup> the Gov <sup>r</sup> in a full Councill		W Bladen Cl Concil.

Aprill 9 th 1707.

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Ricketts being brought by the Sherriff of Ann Arundell County before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Governour and Councill Declared M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Clarke told him M<sup>r</sup> Hill had sent a Sloope for her which was Consigned to him Says he thinks and verily believes he has seen Rich<sup>d</sup> Clarke twice the last winter near his late dwelling Plantation at the head of South River. Says Some time the last winter he Saw Silvester Welch Sitting with M<sup>rs</sup> Clark at Clarks House and Suspects Richard Clarke might be then in the Same house the Doors were Shut when he came to the house

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The Boarde Adjourned till to morrow morning eight a Clock.

Tuesday Aprill 8th 1707.

The Councill Sate Present as Yesterday.

The Supplementary Bill to the Act for Townes read the first time and ordered to lye on the Table

The Petition of M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Bennett and M<sup>r</sup> James Heath Farmers of the Lord Proprietarys Land Rents of this Province read praying leave to bring in a Bill to Impower them after the Expiration of their lease to distreyne for the rents which are Properly due to them and which through their Compassion