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His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor

The honourable	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq ^r	}	Edmund Jenings Esq ^r
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To His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Lieutenant General and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

The Petition of Matthew Cohune

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner being a young Man, and but in indifferent Circumstances, having had some Difference with a Certain M^r George Robins, One of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace for Talbot County about their Dealings, the said George Robins then threaten'd to remember him; That the said Robins afterwards upon a Dispute between your Petitioner and a certain James Sutton, Your Petitioner being by Virtue of a Warrant taken before the said Robins, the said Robins gave Judgment against your Petitioner without hearing your Petitioners defence, or examining his Evidences, although your Petitioner told him that he had a Certain M^r Robert Lloyd for an Evidence who was not then present, and who, he apprehended would fully clear up the Debate in favour of your Petitioner; and actually then another Evidence ready to testify for your Petitioner at the house of the said Robins then attending, whom the said Robins insulted and threatened in these Words (You are a noisy Fellow, and I'll send You to the Place you belong to, which Your Petitioner understood to the County Goal) for no other Reason or Provocation but that the said Person told the said Robins, that he was called upon to testify in behalf of your Petitioner. That the said George Robins hath at divers times threatened and insulted your Petitioner, and in Order to intimidate your Petitioner (called upon as an Evidence in a Dispute between a certain Gilbert Barrow and a Tenant of the said Robins) said; that your Petitioner was carryed about the Country by the said Barrow to swear to any thing right or wrong, and by Way of Insult told your Petiti^r he would make a Justice of Peace of him, and calling him Irish Rascall in Order to provoke your Petiti^r as he apprehends to make a Breach of the Peace, or to drop some Expressions against the said Robins as a Magistrate that might give Occasion for a Prosecution, that the said Robins in pursuance of his Malice laboured with the greatest Violence to procure an Information of Forgery to be exhibited against