

Causes soeuer shall then be depending betwixt the Lord Prop^r p^lt Liber F F
and any p^rson to Vs p^rsented as Criminalls def^ts wherein they are
not to fayle as they will answere the Contrary at theire perills—

The same issued to the sherriffe of Charles County to summons 18th
24 p^rsons wthin that County mutatis mutandis—

John Norwood dds writt ags^t Thomas Hammond in an accōn of [p. 24]
Trouer & Conuersion to the uallue of three thowsand pounds of May 17th
tobacco—

Warr^t to sherriffe of Anne Arundell County to arrest &c. Ret^r
13th June next Prouin^{all} Court—

To the honn^{ble} the Gouverno^r & Councell

John Norwood of Norwood in the County of Anne Arundell gent
& late high sherriffe of the said County Complaines ag^t Thomas
Hamond in the Custody of the sherriffe of the s^d County for that
whereas the said John Norwood upon the 15th day of Nouemb^r in
the yeare of Our Lord 1662 being high sherriffe of the said County
did by law seize a Certaine hñd of tobacco weighing foure hundred
& fourty pounds nett in the tobacco house of the said Thomas Ham-
mond for a fine due from John Hammond his sonne for not appear-
ing att musters and soe became poss^d of the said hñd of tobacco as
of his owne proper goods marked wth his marke and hee being
thereof poss^d he the said John Norwood that hñd of tobacco after-
wards (to witt) the 17th day of Nouemb^r aforesaid out of his handes
and possession did loose and let goe leauing it in the tobacco howse
of the s^d Thomas Hammond which said hñd of tobacco soe lost
afterwards to witt the 19th day of Nouemb^r aforesaid in the tobacco
house of Thomas Hammond aforesaid to the hands & poss^{on} of the
aforesaid Thomas Hammond by findeing came; yet the s^d Thomas
Hammond knowing the hñd of tobacco aforesaid to be the proper
hñd of tobacco of him the said Jn^o Norwood and to him the said
John Norwood of right to belong and pertayne plotting and Con-
triuing him the said John Norwood wholly to defraud and Cheate
of the afores^d hñd of tobacco weighing foure hundred & fourty
pounds neate that hñd of tobacco to him the said John Norwood,
although afterwards (to witt) the 8th day of Septemb^r 1663 openly
in this hon^{ble} Court & diuers times both before and since he hath been
thereupon required he hath not deliuered but that hñd of tobacco to
deliuer to him the said John Norwood heitherto he hath alltogether
refus'd and the hñd of tobacco aforesaid afterwards (to witt) the
22th Nouemb^r aforesaid to his the said Thomas Hammonds proper
Vse & benefitt he hath Conuerted & disposed to the damage of him
the said John Norwood Three thowsand pounds of tobacco, And
thereuppon he bringeth his suite—