

Liber CD you and yo.^r fellow Justices of o.^r Provinciaall Court assigned at S.^t maries the Eighth day of December in the Seven & thirtieth year of our Dominion was Impleaded & by Inquisition of the County upon w.^{ch} he thereupon put himself it was there found that the Said Thomas Cocher killed the afores^d Turner by misfortune for w.^{ch} the Said Thomas to the prison of Charles County was Remanded there to Expect our Grace and favo.^{rs} as we are Informed we for that Reason of the Record and process of the Inquisition afores.^d willing to be Certified Comānd that if it be So that the Record & pcess afores.^d w.th all things thereunto Relateing to us in our Chancery distinctly & plainly under your hand and Seale without delay you Send together with this writt Wittness our Self at S.^t maries the 19.th day of march in the 37.th year of our Dominion Annoq̄ Domini 1668

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The Return of this writt

The Said Charles Calvert Esq̄ Governo.^r & Phillip Calvert Esq̄ Chancello.^r make a Return of the Said writt with the Record Annexed und.^r their hands and Seales the Effect of w.^{ch} Record is as followeth
Indictm.^t

At a Provinciaall Court of the Right Hon.^{ble} Cæcilius absolute Lord and Prop.^{ty} of the Province of Maryland holden in his Lopp's City of S.^t maries before the Justices of the Said Court the eight day of December in the 37.th year of his Lopps Dominion 1668 It was Enquired of for the Said Lord Proprietary if Thomas Cocher of Charles County in Portoback Creek, planter on the 24th day of Oct^r in the Said year at the house of Clement Theobalds in Portoback Creek afores.^d upon Richard Turner by force and Armes an assault did make w.th a Certain Gunn of the value of 10.^s w.^{ch} he the s^d Thomas Cocher in his Right hand then and there did hold divers wounds in the Body of him the Said Richard Turner did make So that of the Said Wounds the Said Richard Turner Imediately did dye and So the S.^d Thomas Cocher the Said Richard Turner then and there ffeloniously did kill Contrary to the peace of his Said Lopp's his Rule and dignity

W.^mCalvert

The Evidences are Clement Theobalds Ralph Wormley Thomas Knapp Robert Benson Mary Theobalds

The Grand Jury being Sworn & 16 in Number upon the back of y.^e Indictm.^t write and return Billa Vera

Thomas Cocher being Called to the Barr held up his hand & the Said Indictm.^t being Read unto he pleaded thereunto not Guilty & being asked how he would be tryed he Answered by God & the Country