

Said Lordship's Dominion over his Said Province of maryland Annoq̄ Domini 1669 before his Lordship's Justices there to keep the peace assigned within this Said province & also to hear & Determine divers felonys murthers &c in the Said Province Perpetrated in the Records & process of the Same Court was thus written viz.^t

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The Jurors for the Lord Proprietary do present John Richardson of Tredavon Creek in the County of Talbot for that he the S.^d Jn^o Richardson the 4.th day of Octob.^r in the 38.th year of his Lordship's Dominion at Tredavon Creek aforesaid upon Mary Richardson his then wife by force and Armes an assault did make that is to Say wth a Certain Tobacco Stick to the value of one penny Sterling w.^{ch} he the Said John Richardson did then and there hold in his hand upon the S.^d mary Richardson his then wife then and there in the peace of God and of the Said Lord Proprietary being Voluntarily and of his malice forethought did make an assault & the Same Mary his then wife then & there with the Said Stick feloncously did Strike So that by the Said Streak the Said Mary Richardson his then wife did Imediately fall to the Earth and the Said mary Richardson his then wife Instantly of the blow aforesaid dyed and So the Said John Richardson at Tredavon Creek aforesaid of his malice before thought the Said Mary Richardson his then wife did voluntarily feloniously and Wickedly kill & murther Contrary to the peace of the Said Lord Proprietary his Rule & Dignity Afterwards at the Same Provinciaall Court to witt the Seventeenth day of the Same December in the year afores.^d Command was Given by the Same Court to the Sheriff of S.^t maries County to bring the S.^d John Richardson prisoner then in his Custody to the Barr of the Said Court who appearing in his proper person and holding up his hand at the Barr & he giving the Said Indictment Read Said he was not Guilty thereof & put himself upon the Countrey and the Said John Morecroft Attorney of the s^d Lord Proprietary who on the behalf of the Said Lord Proprietary followeth Likewise

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Wherefore Command was Given to the Sheriff of S.^t maries County afores.^d that he Cause Imediately to Come before the Justices of the Said Lord prop.^{ty} of his Said Provinciaall Court to keep the peace assigned & to hear & Determine all ffelonies Trespasses Murthers and misdemeanors in the S.^d Province Committed Twelve Lawfull ffreemen of the Said Province to make a Jury to know the truth of the premisses because as well the Said John Morecroft Attorney of the Said Lord Proprietary who for the Said Lord Proprietary Prosecuteth in this behalf as also the Said John Richardson have put themselves upon the Same Jury

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And afterwards the Same day to wit the Seventeenth day of the Same December in the year aforesaid Came the Said John Morecroft attorney of the Said Lord Proprietary who for the S.^d Lord