

in the morning and in the yeare of Our Lord 1666 at the howse of Samuell Chew at the Herring Creeke aforesaid upon the person of Francis Cheater of Herring Creeke aforesaid labourer did make and Assault and him the said Francis Cheater wth a Cudgell price two pence which he then and there held up in One of his hands did beat and gaue him twenty blowes and wth One of his feet did kick upon his priuy members, whereof he the said Francis Cheater on the twentyth day of the month of Ap^r aforesaid did dye and soe the said Tho: Morrice the said Francis Cheat^r in manner and forme aforesaid feloniously and of Malice fore thought did kill and murder ags^t the peace of his said lōp: his Rule and dignity

Witnesses Thomas Chandler
William Bateman

The Grand Jury endorc't on the said bill Billa Vera, And return'd [p. 373] the same into the Court

Whereupon Thomas Morrice the Prisoner was set to th^e Barr held up his hand and was arraigned, Plead^d not Guilty, and put himselfe upon the Country

The she^r. of St^t Maries returnes the names of the petty Jury as followeth

Foreman Thomas Hinson	Tho: Bennitt	James Thompson
Thomas Ringould	Tho: Hatton	John Hamilton
Math: Smyth	Patrick Forrest	John Morgan
Tho: wynne	John Chareman	Henry Parker

Who were sworne and upon the Euidence giuen in Co^{rt} found him Guilty of manslaughter. The said Morrice prayed his Clergy, Which the Co^{rt} allowed was burnt in the hand, and bound to appeare at the next Prouin^{all} Co^{rt} in the meane time to be of his good behaiour

William Price of Charles County bound in a Recognizance of forty pounds, that Hannah his wife should make her appearance at the next Prouinciall to answere to such matter as shall be Objected ags^t her Concerning the publicque peace

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Thomas Sprigg plaintiffe } in the said Cause of scandall and defama-
Rey: Staplefort defend^t } cōon between the said partyes, the defend^t
came into Court and acknowledged that he had falsly and maliciously scandalized the plain^t by speaking those words men^coned in the pl^ts declara^con and that he was sorry for the same and asked forgiuness of the p^t: in open Court

The Justices thereupon thought fitt to binde the def^t to his good behaiour, for that the p^t: is one of his lōps Comm^{rs} of Caluert County.