member of the body be Gangerin'd that of necessity it must either be Liber FF cutt off or the whole body will be corrupted.

Now the Humble petition is that if your Hon^{rs} find me Guilty of so base an Act that I may receive the severest punishment that the Law will afford in such a case And in case I be not guilty I may have such reparation as the Strictnesse of Law will afford in the like case.

And your Petitioner shall pray.

Upon reading the aforesaid petition the said Cuthbert Witham being then present in Court did nominate Raymond Stapelfort to be the author to him the said Witham of the said accusation.

Raymond Stapelfort being called and charged with the aforesaid accusation did in Court did deny he was the Author thereof the Court then telling him that unlesse he could nominate his Authour he himselfe was the authour and first inventor & divulger thereof

The said Stapelfort refuseing to name his Authour it was then Ordered that the said Raymond Staplefort remaine in the Custody of the sheriff without bayle or mainprise untill he nominate his Authour.

The Deposition of Raymond Stapelfort aged forty five yeares or thereabouts sworne the $7^{\rm th}$ of june Saith

That this Deponent being at M^{rs} Colletts house did there heare Anthony Calloway say that he did suppose M^r Henry Coursey had tenn thousand pounds of tobacco for assisting Jonathan Sibrey in his buisnesse against Witham and further saith not.

Raymond Stapelfort Sworne before me the day and yeare abovesaid Philip Calvert

Mr Daniel Jenifer

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Whereas there is an Action of debt of six thousand pounds of tobacco entred in the provincial Court against me James Shacklady of Talbott County by Mary Smith the executrix of W^m Smith late of S^t Maries County deceased I pray you appeare for me to that action and confesse judgment thereupon and this under my hand and seale shall be your sufficient warrant for so doeing, dated the seven and twentith day of May One thousand six hundred sixty eight.

Test Will: Fardell

James Shacklady (seale)

Whereas there is a suite commenced by Anthony Calloway in the provinciall Court against me for a debt of five thousand pounds of tobacco these are to desire you to appeare for me and confesse judgmt for the said debt And for so doeing this shall be your warrant Wittnes my hand and seale the nine and twentith day of May One thousand six hundred sixty eight.

To John Morecroft Gent One of Jonathan Hopkinson (Seale) the Attornyes of the provincial Court