

Liber JJ Richardson his then wife received a mortall blow whereupon the body of the said Mary Richardson his then wife did immediately fall to the earth and the said Mary Richardson his then wife instantly there of the blow aforesaid died and So the said John Richardson att Tredavon Creeke aforesaid of his malice before thought the said Mary Richardson his then wife did voluntarily feloniously and wickedly Kill and murther Contrary to the Peace of the said Lord proprietary his Rule and dignity.

Afterwards att the same provincially Court to witt the sevententh day of the same December in the yeare aforesaid Comand was given by the same Court to the Sheriff of S^t Maries County to bring the said John Richardson prisoner then in his Custody to the Barr of the said Court who appeareing in his proper person and holding up his hand at the barr and heareing the abovesaid indictment read said he was not guilty thereof and put himselfe upon the Country, and John Morecroft Attorney of the said Lord proprietary who on the behalfe of the said Lord proprietary prosecuteth, likewise

Wherefore Comand was given to the Sheriff of S^t Maries County aforesaid that he cause immediately to come before the justices of the said Lord Proprietary of his said Provincially Court to Keepe the peace assigned and to heare and determine all felonies trespasses murthers and misdemeanors in the said Province Committed twelve lawfull freemen of the said Province to make a jury to know the truth of the premisses, Because aswell the said John Morecroft Attorney of the said Lord Proprietary who for the said Lord proprietary prosecuteth in this behalfe as also the said John Richardson have putt themselves upon the same jury.

And afterwards the same day to witt the said sevententh day of the same December in the yeare aforesaid Came the said John Morecroft Attorney of the said Lord proprietary who for the said Lord proprietary in this behalfe prosecuteth And the said John Richardson being againe brought to the Barr of the said Court and appeareing in his proper person and the jury aforesaid by the said sheriff of s^t Maries County being impannelled and called namely Thomas Cosden William Kent John Cobreth Jeremiah Markham Thomas Hussey Henry Hawkins Richard Morris Thomas Hinton Samuel Dickeson George Marshall John Beale and John Heard likewise came

And the said indictment being then and there read and the wittnesses to prove the said indictment to witt Penelope Evans William Dell and Henry Swiggott being sworne and examined to speake the truth according to their severall Knowledge about and concerning the premisses being heard and the said John Richardson (being required to make his defence thereunto) being heard likewise the said jurors upon their Oathes say that the said John Richardson is guilty of misadventure