

Liber JJ was given by the Court to the Sheriff of S^t Maries County to bring the said Joseph Thompson and Henry Gottney and Peter Bawcomb prisoners then in his Custody to the barr of the said Court who appeareing in their proper persons and holding up their hands, the abovesaid indictment being read, the value of the said bull Specified in the presentment being under forty shillings it was adjudged by the justices here that the said Joseph Thompson Henry Gottney and Peter Bawcomb be quitt of the same presentment and that the said presentment be quashed.

The Jurors for the Lord Proprietary of this Province doe present that whereas at a Sessions of Assembly begunn April the tenth One thousand six hundred sixty six and ended the fourteenth day of June One thousand six hundred sixty six by an Act of Assembly intituled an Act against Hoggstealers amongst other things it is enacted by and with the assent of the Authority aforesaid that any person or persons being either principall or accessary that shall be legally convicted as a hoggstealer shall for the first offence stand in the pillory att the provinciall Court foure compleate houres and pay treble damage to the Owners of the hoggs Stolne, And that Joseph Thompson and Henry Gottney the sixteenth day of June in the xxxviith yeare of the Dominion of Caecilius & Joseph Thompson and Henry Gottney did Kill in the woods One hogg of the goods and Chattells of Edward Cooke and about nine dayes after they did Kill one hogg of the goods and Chattells of Henry Tripp contrary to the forme and effect of the same Act, And Peter Bawcomb of Choptanck in the County of Talbott was accessary thereunto by appointing and Ordering them the aforesaid Joseph Thompson and Henry Gottney to doe the same, and also by receiveing the same Contrary to the Peace of the said Lord Proprietary his rule and dignity

Afterwards at the same Provinciall Court to witt the twentieth day of December in the xxxviiith yeare of his Lordshipps Dominion & Co^mmand was given by the said Court to the Sheriff of S^t Maries County to bring the said Joseph Thompson Henry Gottney and Peter Bawcomb then prisoners in his Custody to the barr of the said Court who appeareing in their proper persons and holding up their hands at the barr and heareing the abovesaid indictment read the said Joseph Thompson said he was guilty and the said Henry Gottney and Peter Bawcomb that they were not guilty thereof and putt themselves upon the Country and John Morecroft Attorney for the Lord Proprietary who for the said Lord proprietary prosecuteth likewise

[p. 461] Wherefore Co^mmand was given to the Sheriff of S^t Maries County aforesaid that he cause i^mmediately to come before the justices of the said Lord Proprietary of his said Provinciall Court to keepe the peace assigned and to heare and determine all felonies murthers trespasses and misdemeanours in the said province Committed twelve lawfull