

yo^w say Fran: Carpenter is Guilty of Manslaughter, answered yes Liber FF
and soe yo^w say all yes.

The Petty Jury dismiss

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The Prisoner being att the Barr it is said to him thus

yo^w doe remember that yo^w haue been indicted for felony by yo^w done and Committed upon yo^r Indictm^t yo^w haue been arraigned and pleaded not Guilty and for yo^r tryall haue put yo^rselfe upon God and the Country, which Country hath found yo^w Guilty W^t cann yo^w now say for yo^rselfe why according to law yo^w should not haue Judgm^t to suffer death, Whereupon

The Prisoner then Claim'd benefitt of Clergy Which to him then was allow'd The Ordinary then shewing him the booke The Clarke askt him Legit ut Clericus uel non Answere, legit

Whereupon Ordered the Prisoner be burnt in the hand according to law, which was in open Court forthwth done and performed, by the Under sherriffe of S^t Marys County

To the Hono^{ble} the Governour and Councill of the Province of Maryland

Thomas Sprigg of the Resurrecōn Manno^r in Calvert County gen^t Complaynes against Raymond Staplefort of Great Eltonhead Hundred in the same County Merchant For that whereas the sayd Thomas Sprigg is a good true and Faithfull Subject and a true and Faithfull Subject of our Sovereigne Lord the King and of Divers of his Progenito^{rs} late Kings of England from the tyme of his Birth hitherto hath behaved and Governed himselfe and of good Name Conversaōn and Repute as well amongst Hono^{rble} and Worshipfull persons as all other Subjects of the said King and his Progenito^{rs} to whome the said Thomas Sprigg was knowne and wth whome the said Thomas Sprigg had any manner of way dealing was allwaies accepted Reputed and taken as well during his abode in the Kingdome of England as in the Collony of virginia and this Province of Maryland And Whereas alsoe the said Thomas Sprigg the One and twentyeth day of November One Thousand six hundred sixty and Five and for Foure yeares then last past and Continually after the said One and Twentyeth of november hitherto was and as yett is one of the Justices of the lord Proprieto^r & of this Province for Keeping the Peace in Calvert County and assigned to heare and Determine Divers Fellonyes Trespasses and other Misdemeano^{rs} in the sayd County Committed And the sayd Thomas Sprigg by the Whole tyme aforesayd wherein the said Thomas Sprigg one of the Justices aforesayd as abovesayd hath remayned Justice to all According to the Lawes of this Province Equally and truly hath Administred, And in Exercising his Office of one of the Justices aforesayd and in all other his businesses and Acōns without any Fault or Suspīcōn of Bribery, Perjury, breach of Oath or of any other Falsity or Crime whatso-

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