

of William Graves of Patuxent River aforesayd planter then and there found then and there feloniously did steale take and Carry away against the peace of the said Lord Proprietary his Rule and Dignity. Liber J J  
 Endorsed Billa Vera.

James Neale Jun<sup>r</sup> being called appeares who Desired Councill to be assigned him by the Co<sup>rt</sup>. who ordered M<sup>r</sup> Morecroft one of the Attorneys of this Co<sup>rt</sup> to be of Councill for the prisoner, who put in this plea following in writing. James Neal  
Jun<sup>r</sup>

And the said James Neale Jun<sup>r</sup> in his proper person cometh and saith that the said Lord Proprietary will not nor ought him the said James by Reason of the said Indictm<sup>t</sup> greive and impeach because by protestation he saith that the Indictm<sup>t</sup> is not sufficient in Law to put him to answeare thereunto. Notw<sup>th</sup>standing for plea he saith that whatsoever is Contrary to the Act of Assembly aforesayd he saith he is in no wise guilty in manner and forme as by the Indictm<sup>t</sup> aforesayd above is supposed, and of this he puts himself upon the Country and Vincent Lowe Esq<sup>o</sup> Attorney Generall, who for his Lo<sup>pp</sup> the Lord Proprietary in this behalfe followeth for the said Lord Proprietary likewise. and the Sheriff of St Maryes County having as he was Comanded returned a petty Jury for the Tryall of prisoners who being called appeared to wit W<sup>m</sup> Harris Richard Atwood Thomas Doxey Nicholas Guither Richard Bayly Henry Bedford W<sup>m</sup> King Guy White ffrancis Gunbee Richard Ackworth John Symons Henry Smith and Richard Smith who being Elected tryed & sworne to try the truth in the premises upon their oathes doe say, that the said James Neale is guilty of hoggstealing whereof he hath bene Indicted and so they say all. whereupon the Court Gave Judgem<sup>t</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> him according to the act of Assembly in that case provided for the first offence.

To his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq<sup>o</sup> Capt Generall and Cheif Governor of Maryland.

The humble petition of James Neale Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
 Most humbly sheweth

Unto yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency that yo<sup>r</sup> poore pet<sup>r</sup> being a distressed object under the Just sentence of the Law procured by the unadvised Rashnes of his inconsiderate youth whereby he is now become incapable of any thing but shame and Ignominy unlesse your gracious goodnes and Redundant Mercy wherewith yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency hath Ever bene adorned, and of which all who have stood in need have plentifully obtained upon their humble addresses. yo<sup>r</sup> unworthy pet<sup>r</sup> humbly beggs yo<sup>r</sup> wonted Grace and mercy. to be Extended to him in yo<sup>r</sup> Excetlyes Gracious pardon to be freed from that Ignominious punishm<sup>t</sup>, which his Crimes have most Justly Deserved, and the unadvised Rashnes of his youth most Justly merited and pulled Downe upon himself. and in yo<sup>r</sup> Excetlyes Gracious freeing yo<sup>r</sup>