

tobacco according to the best of his Skill power & Knowledge by virtue of which said Severall Cōmissions frō his Lopp and his Surveyour Generall the said Charles hath continued Coroner and Deputy Surveyour of the said County untill his Lopps deviding the Said County and is now Coroner & Deputy Surveyour of Cecil County in the said Province & in both the said Offices hath well honestly and faithfully demeaned himselfe without Spott or Staine whereby the said Charles hath not only by the said Offices honestly gott to himselfe Severall considerable Summes of tobacco but also by reason of his honest & faithfull discharge of the said Offices with his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq̃ Cap^t Generall & Chiefe Governour of this Province & also with all the Councillours & justices of the said Lord Proprietary within this Province & also with all the great & Eminent persons within this Province & with all other the Inhabitants of this Province of whatsoever State or Condition for the whole time aforesaid as Such a true & faithfull man to the said Lord Prop̃ry as is aforesaid of whatsoever Crime of falsity deceit perjury extortion or bribery in the execution of the said Offices hath bene accepted & taken to be unspotted and untouched Yet the aforesaid Thomas Dale & Mary his wife not ignorant of the premisses & designing to take away aswell the said Charles good name fame & reputation as also to bring him within the danger of forfeiting his said bond of One hundred thousand pounds of tobacco So passed into by him the said Charles to the said Surveyour Generall as aforesaid & also to bring him into the ill Opinion of the said Lord Prop̃ry & the Said Survey^r Generall whereby the Said Cōmissions might be revoaked & also to hinder the said Charles of the profitts vayles & regards to the said Offices belonging & appurteining & also to bring him into the ill Opinion of the said Cap^t Generall Councillours justices & all other the great & eminent persons of this Province and with all Others the inhabitants of the Said Province to be a perjured person a Cheater & Couzener & taker of bribes the said Thomas Dale & Mary his wife of their Own perverse malicious and wicked will plotting and contriveing him the Said Charles of Such his Offices Creditt estate, honesty reputation ffees vayles & Regards to deprive and also to bring him the Said Charles within the danger of forfeiting his Said bond in Cecil County On the last day of September in the 42 yeare of the Dominion of Caecilius &c Annoq̃ Doñ 1673 and diverse times both before and since in the presence & hearing of divers of the good people of this Province falsely malitously Subtily & wickedly these scandallous words following of the said Charles with a loud & audible voyce did speake pronounce publish and declare to wit that the said Charles James (meaning him the said Charles James) was a Cheateing Knave & a Cheating Rouge By reason of which Said false scandulous and malicious words the said Charles is not Only much greived troubled vexed and perplexed in

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