

Liber N N Knowne did appeare and continue, neither any thefts Robberyes or felonyes ever he committed or perpetrated but from all such thefts robberyes or felonyes and from all note spott or suspition of the aforesaid Crimes or any of them untouched unspotted and unsuspected remained By pretext whereof the said John Wedge not only very much freindshipp favour and good will of his neighbours aforesaid but of all other faithfull and worthy of Creditt of the people of his said Lopp to him he drew & purchased but also divers great gaines and profitts of his Said neighbours and Other his Lopps people aforesaid by buying, selling and lawfull dealing and contracting to him the said John Wedge and his ffamily's maintenance and susteinance and gained a fruitfull encrease of wealth to him the said John Wedge notwithstanding the said James Ringold not ignorant of the premisses, plotting and malitiously contriveing the said John Wedge of his good name fame Creditt and estimation aforesaid by which

p. 133 hitherto he was well reputed to Spoile and altogether deprive, and the said John Wedge into Contempt and publique disgrace amongst those his neighbours and other his Lopps people aforesaid to bring in danger of looseing his life and forfeiting of all his goods and chattells lands and tenements manifestly to induce he the said James upon the seventeenth day of May in the yeare of Our Lord One thousand six hundred seventy five at Langford Bay Hundred in the County of Kent and Province of Maryland aforesaid did falsely and malitiously cause the said John Wedge to be apprehended by One Robert Neaves then a Constable in the said County and carryed before two of the justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid and did then and there in the presence of divers of the good people of this Province a fault of a certaine ffellony for Stealeing of eight barrells of Indian Corne from him the Said James On him the said John Wedge did impose and thereupon the said justices at the instigation and prosecution of the said James Ringold did cause the said John Wedge to be committed to the Custody of Robert Dunn Gent Sheriff of the said County of Kent there to remaine without Bayle or mainprize till the then next Provinciall Court to be held at the City of s^t Maries Att which said Provinciall Court to witt upon the sixtenth day of November in the yeare of Our Lord One thousand six hundred seventy-five he the said James Ringold in further prosecution of his wicked and malitious contrivance aforesaid Att a Provinciall Court then held at the City of s^t Maries aforesaid in the presence and hearing of divers of his Lopps good people of this Province then and there being the said fault of ffellony hereafter in this part specified to him the said John Wedge did againe impose And afterwards to witt On the Sevententh day of November in the yeare aforesaid the said John Wedge before Charles Calvert Esq; now Lord Proprietary and then Cheife justice of this Province and the rest of his Associates justices of the said Provin-