

all the aforesaid bookes & accompts at the City of s<sup>t</sup> Maries the 15<sup>th</sup> of May next & for so doeing this shall be your warrant Given under my hand the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1676. Wiff Calvert. To Charles James High Sheriff of Cecil County. As by the Same precept or warrant here in Court pduced more fully may appeare. By virtue of which Said precept or warrant he the said Charles James the said 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1676 in Cecil County aforesaid did take the body of him the said Edward Pynn into his Custody together with a certaine bagg then hanging by the side of him the Said Edward wherein (amongst other papers & writeings) was contened the Said bookes & accompts meant and mentioned in the Said precept or warrant and wherewith he the Said Edward had been entrusted upon his Said Lopps accompt, the Publique or some of his Said Lopps Officers and as it was lawfull for him the Said Charles to doe. And forasmuch as it was pretended by the Said Edward that the said Publique bookes and accompts were at the time aforesaid intermixt in the Said bagg with other papers and writeings he the said Charles did then & there & ever after freely Offer to permitt & Suffer the said Edward Pynn to Seperate & Severe the said Publique bookes and accompts from the other papers & writeings that were in the same bag, and to take & dispose (as he the Said Edward thought fitt) of all & every the papers & writeings that were in the said bag, except the said publique bookes & accompts mentioned & intended by the aforesaid precept or warrant, Whereupon the said Edward did take Out of the Said bag, what papers or writeings he thought fitt, but imediately without any cause from the said Charles James on a sudden shuffled the said papers writeings books & accompts together & then & there & ever after (untill the time that the Same was returned according to the warrant & precept as aforesaid) obstinately & perversely refused to medle with any papers or writeings that were in the Said bag, whereupon all the papers writeings bookes & accompts which were in the said bag at the time aforesaid when the same was taken into the Custody of the said Charles James as aforesaid were all & every of them returned together in the same bag to the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1676 together also with the body of the said Edward Pynn according to the precept or warrant aforesaid & then & there pduced and delivered to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Propry who forthwith committed him the said Edward into the Custody of Clement Hill then High Sheriff of s<sup>t</sup> Maries County. Which said takeing of the said Edward into Custody by the said Charles James then Sheriff of Cecil County aforesaid & the Seizing of the Said bag of writeings by virtue of the warrant or precept aforesaid is the same assault & takeing of the bag of papers writeings & accompts mentioned & intended in the aforesaid declaration, without this that the aforesaid Edward Pynn was employed by Severall merchants & Others to collect & gather severall considerable summes

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