

Lordpp the Lord Prop^{ty} (who by reason of his Office on behalfe of his Lordpp is bound to prosecute all felons murderers robbers or any misdoers or offenders against the Lawe) publickly did informe that the said Nehemiah had robbed him on the high way & putt him in feare of his life & tooke violently from him his hatt & perriwigg, & required the said Attorney Gen^{ll} to draw an Indictment against him for the same, by meanes whereof the said Nehemiah from amongst the rest of the Attorneys of the same Court was secluded, & by the Court comitted into the custody of Gerard Slye gentl high Sheriffe of the said County of S^t Maryes then present in Court And afterwards witt the twelfth day of the same June att the City of S^t Maryes aforesaid in further prosecution of his wicked divellish & malicious contrivance aforesaid, the said Edward the said crime of felony robbery upon his corporall Oath to the said Nehemiah did againe impose before W^m Hatton, John Addison, John Warren, Thomas Courtney, John Darnall, Jacob Young, John Brown, Thomas Tasker, Richard Marsham, Robert Robins, Randolph Brandt, George Godfrey, Thomas Innis, Thomas Bankes, Robert franklin & Charles Howell gentl being of a certaine Jury or Inquest of the body of the said Province who upon the only evidence & testimony of the said Edward Husbands against the said Nehemiah then & there upon his Oath as aforesaid falsely maliciously divellishly & wickedly given, the said jurors or Inquest for the body of the said Province did present the said Nehemiah Blakiston by the name of Nehemiah Blakiston late of S^t Maryes County gentl (meaning the said plaintiffe) for that he the twenty sixth day of March in the first year of his said Lordpps Dominion & in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy six att Mattapony in S^t Clements Manno^r in the County aforesaid in the high way there in & upon Edward Husbands then & there in the peace of God &c being did make an assault, & him the said Edward then & there in great feare of his body putt, & one hatt called a ffrench hat & one perriwigg of the Value of three pounds Eight shillings sterling then & there from the person of the said Edward with force & armes feloniously did take & carry away contrary to the peace &c which Indictm^t aforesaid the said Justices in the Records of the said Court caused to be entred And Recorded, & the same day comanded the said Sheriffe of S^t Maryes County the said Nehemiah his Prisoner as aforesaid to the barr to sett, whereupon the said Sheriffe the said Nehemiah to the barr of the said Provinciall Court brought, & the Court requiring the said Nehemiah his hand att the barr to hold up, the said Nehemiah was for the supposed felony & robbery to him by the said Edward as aforesaid imposed by the Clerke of the same Court arraigned, & upon his Arraignment he pleaded not guilty & for his tryall putt himselfe upon the Countrey Therefore comand was given to the same Sheriffe of S^t Maryes County that he should

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