a better right to my house then I had for he had allreadi gott possession of it :/:

4 thly The said Jones and Leighton being gon returned againe about midnight with severall other men I know not as yett the whole Family being allreadi att rest they beset my house endeavouring severall waies by breaking open my Doore which not getting Don by said Jones called to ye said Leighton to fetch fire he swearing he would burne ye house out saying he was come with force & that he had gott men to their assistance :/:

Signed by David Browne :/: /:

The Deposition of Archibald Erskin March: 16 July 1677: Imprimis the Sd Archibald being att ye Dwelling house of Mr David Browne of Manoakin ye 16: this Instant & was present when Capt: Thomas Jones after many threatning words did lay violent hands on Richard Higgenbottom Taylor to thrust him out of Doores being late att night & he ye said Richard refusing to begon he being in ye present service of ye Sd Browne was by ye Sd Jones beaten severall blowes & after resistance made by ye Sd Higgenbottom William Leighton fell upon him untill parted by ye Sd Browne who being called commanded his Lopp peace :/:

2d The Jones aforesd said hold upon ye Sd Browne when parting Leighton & Higgenbottom & rent his Shirt of his back & sider in severall parts calling him Scotts rogue & rebell with many threatnings & expressions saying if he had not a roofe to cover his head he ye Sd Jones having a better right to ye house & had gott possession of it or some part of it :/:

3 Ly When the Sd Jones & Leighton went away being about eight or nine of ye Clock att night & returning again about midnight when all ye family was quiet & all rest he call to open ye Doore or else he would breake it open who not being answered he endeavoured ye breaking open ye said Doore which not getting done he did call to Leighton to fetch fire with other expressions ye I did not distinctly heare upon which Mr Browne spake to Jones asking him what he wanted & what he meant who replied open ye Doore for I am now come with force & have gott more men upon which ye said Browne called out att a window to ye maid Servant who lay in ye quarter to fetch a Coale to light a Candle and the Candle being lighted & ye Doore opened two tall men besides Jones & Leighton fledd out of ye porch & ran away as I heard ye said maid & Servant of ye men Servants then say ye saw them & further saith not ::

The 18: of July 1677: Archibald: Erskin :/: /:

Sworne before William Stevens :/:

Memorandum ye that day to wit ye 14: day of August Anno Domini 1677: att a Co: held for Somerset County before his Lopp Justices then there came ye within named Archibald Erskin & made oath upon ye holy Evangelist ye what he declared upon oath within written before Mr Wm Stevens is true & further saith not :/:

Teste: Edm: Beauchamp: Cler: Cur:

The Deposition of Edward Hige Taylor July ye 16: 1677: The said Edward being att work att ye Dwelling house of Mr David Browne of Manoakin the 16 this instant & was present when Capt: Thomas Jones after many threatning words did lay violent hands upon Richard Higgenbottom Taylor to thrust him out of Doores being late att night & he ye Sd Richard refusing to begon he being in ye present service of ye Sd Browne was by ye Sd Jones beaten severall blowes & after resistance made by ye Sd Higgenbottom William Leighton fell upon him untill parted by ye Sd Browne who being called commanded his Lopp peace :/:

Thomas Jones aforesd said hold upon ye Sd Browne when parting Leighton from Higgenbottom & violently rent his Shirt in severall parts calling ye Sd Browne Scotts rogue & rebell these with many other threatning expressions being often repeated as also saying ye Sd Browne had not a roofe to cover his head he ye Sd Jones having a better right to ye house then he for he had gott possession of it allreadi