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 { Capt<sup>a</sup> Henry Smith ... m<sup>rs</sup> William Brewster } Conven<sup>d</sup>  
 { Capt<sup>a</sup> John Blinder ... Major Ambro<sup>s</sup> London } Conven<sup>d</sup>  
 William Greene pl<sup>g</sup> Poole<sup>g</sup> ple  
 ag<sup>g</sup>:  
 John Gillie def<sup>g</sup> Saugus<sup>g</sup> qd def<sup>g</sup>

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Thomas Nicklas plant<sup>g</sup> is committed to ans<sup>g</sup> unto the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>b</sup>ble the Lord Prop<sup>l</sup> of the Province as affe to William Stevens of Potomak for that the said Thomas Nicklas being a servant to the said William Stevens hath not only run away & unlawfully absented himself from his said masters service for five weekes & one day but did affe steale and carry away from the said William Stevens one new Gun or Carbine to the value of three hundred pounds of tobacco & other harmes to y<sup>e</sup> said William Stevens did do contray to y<sup>e</sup> law in that law provided for wch<sup>e</sup> the said William Stevens on the behalfe of the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>b</sup>ble the Lord Prop<sup>l</sup> affe for himselfe to be judge according to law.

The said Thomas Nicklas being brought by the shrieve before y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>e</sup> hee affed him whome he would be tyed by the said Thomas Nicklas humbly referred himselfe to be tyed by the Co<sup>e</sup> & confess<sup>d</sup> himselfe guilty of stealing away the gun from y<sup>e</sup> said Col<sup>o</sup> William Stevens and there upon th<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>e</sup> Orders that the shrieve take the said

Thomas Nicklas into his custodij & have well lay on upon the bare backe twenty stripes (whiche was permed) and th<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>e</sup> further orders that the said Thomas Nicklas payffour fold to Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stevens for y<sup>e</sup> said gun (the gun being valued by th<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>e</sup> at three hundred pounds of tobacco) And further the said Thomas Nicklas confess<sup>d</sup> that he did unlawfully absent himselfe from his said masters service five weekes & one day after the receipt ff<sup>d</sup> th<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>e</sup> orders the said Thomas Nicklas to denie the said Col<sup>o</sup> William Stevens or his order according to art of diff<sup>g</sup> & to send his name & proceed to wch<sup>e</sup> three hundred & fiftie dayes,

the 27<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>em</sup> 1673

the Hon<sup>b</sup>ble Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stevens President

ag<sup>g</sup> sent { Capt<sup>a</sup> Henry Smith  
 m<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Brewster } Conven<sup>d</sup>  
 Major Ambro<sup>s</sup> London

Capt<sup>a</sup> John Blinder pl<sup>g</sup>  
 ag<sup>g</sup> Brian Tonge<sup>g</sup> def<sup>g</sup> Th<sup>e</sup> def<sup>g</sup> not appearing ordered<sup>d</sup> the shrieve to make forthcomynge in January Co<sup>e</sup> ordered that the stoc<sup>g</sup> & trapping post be brought here to y<sup>e</sup> Court house

Whereas Thomas Colman & John Preston being taken up for murrancy & m<sup>rs</sup> righters<sup>g</sup> Custodij & kept day appaunc<sup>d</sup> ther<sup>e</sup> be set at y<sup>e</sup> British payng shrieve the Co<sup>e</sup> adjourned until to morrow night of y<sup>e</sup> Park