

Jones, John Hallum, Martin Falkner, John Forrest, William Powell, John Cossens, Alexander Harbert, Charles Beall. Supoenaed per Thomas Greenfeild, Sheriffe.

The aforesaid Jurors having all of them taken Oath of a Grand Jury went out to Consider of what presentments Should Come before them And in Some Small time Returned with these presentments following (Viz.)

Prince Georges County Ss. The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord the King upon their oaths doe present Hugh Ryley of the County aforesaid planter for that he the Said Hugh well knowing Thomas Hollyday gentleman to be one of his Majesties our Sovereigne Lord the King that now is his Commisioner Assigned to hear and determine divers felonyes trespasses and Misfeazantses alsoe to keep the peace in the County aforesaid Rightly and Justly According to the Lawes and Customes of the Kingdome And this Province but Endeavouring and Intending him the Said Thomas then a Commisisoner as aforesaid into great Scandall and Infamy to bring as also unjustly and Wickedly to deframe the 27th day of August in the ninth yeare of the Reigne of our Said Sovereigne Lord the King that now is Att Charles Towne within the Jurisdiction of this Court these following falce Scandalous and Opprobrious [234] English Words of the Said Thomas And to him directed in the presence of and heareing of Verry many of his Majesties: good Leige Subject did Speake publish and proclaime that is to Say (All the beasts of the Forrest meaning the Suitors to the Said County Court are Come in to wait upon an Ass) meaning the Said Thomas when indeed the Said Thomas is not An Ass but a man different in Species as well as kind from an Ass being a Rationable Creature whereas an Ass is a brute not indued with Reason being against all good manners which may tend to the breach of the Kings Peace Raising of Quarrells and Effusion of blood by reason of these base and Scurrilous words aforesaid by the Said Hugh Spoken and published as aforesaid And in Contempt of his Said Majesties Crown and dignity And the forme of the Stattute in that Case made and provided etc.

William Bladen Clerk of the Crowne and Domini Regis.

The witnesses Sworne was Mr. Thomas Hollyday, David Small, James Stoddart, Henry Bonner And Josias Towgood and then Sent to the Grand Jury.

On the back of the aforesaid bill of Indictment was Endorsed (Billa Vera) per James Moore foreman.

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The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord the King upon their oaths doe present Joshua Hall of the County aforesaid planter for that he the Said Joshua the 27th day of August in the ninth yeare of the Reigne of our Said Sovereigne Lord the King that now is at Charles Towne within the Jurisdiction of this Court well knowing Thomas Hollyday of the County aforesaid gentleman to be one of his Said Majesties the Kings Commisioners to hear and determine diver felonyes trespasses and Misfeazances in the County aforesaid as alsoe to keep the peace therein Rightly and Justly according to the Lawes Customes and Ordinances of the Kingdome of England and this province Yett designing and Endeavouring him the Said Thomas into great Scandall and Infamy to bring not only with his Said Sacred Majesty whose true Liege Subject even from the time of his Nativity he ever was and Still is but alsoe to traduce and Render him Odious and Infamous to all other his Majesties good Subjects directing his Speech to the Said Thomas did Loudly proclaime and falsly Say that he the Said Thomas was a foole and a Roague And that he (meaning himselfe the Said Joshua Hall [])