

Ordered that a Venire goe forth for Godfrey Barnes and Mary Dunhue to appear to answer.

Laurance Russell with his Security being bound in a recognizance of pounds Sterling for his the Said Laurance Russells appearance and good behavior appeared to answer to what Should be alleadged against him the Said Russell.

Whereupon Proclamation was made and noe person appeared in opposition against him and Soe hee with his Security was Cleared by Proclamation from the above recognizance onely in Custody till till Fees Paid to the officers of this Court.

James Watts with his Security being bound in a recognizance of pounds Sterling for his the Said James Watts appearance and Good behavior appeared to answer to what Should be alleadged against him the Said Watts whereupon Proclamation was made and noe person appeared in opposition against him and Soe hee and his Security was Cleared from the above recognizance he remaineing in Custody till all Fees Paid to the officers of this Court.

His Majesty Plantiffe: Thomas Oate Defendant

Memorandum that the 23d day of August 1699 the Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord the King for the body of Prince Georges County upon their Oaths did present Thomas Oates of the Aforesaid County Labourer otherwise Called Thomas Oates for that he the Said Thomas Oates about the 20th day of November in the year of our Lord 1698 att Mount Callvert Hundred within the Jurisdiction of this Court with force and armes etc. One hogg of the Propper mark of Bartholomew Goffe and the goods and Chattles of the Said Bartholomew Goffe and of the Price of four Hundred pounds of Tobacco then and there did Steale take and Carry away against his Majestyes Peace etc. and an Act of assembly in that case made and Provided etc.

Joshua Cecell Clerke of the Indictments:

And now here att this day (to witt) the 26th day of September Annoque Domini 1699: before the Justices of our Sovereigne Lord the King att Charles Towne aforesaid came the Said Thomas Oates in Custody of the Sheriffe of Prince Georges County and being Brought to barr in his Propper person presently it is demanded of the Said Thomas Oates how hee would acquitt himselfe of the Premisses above imposed against him.

And the Said Thomas Oates by John Meryton his attorney by the Speasiall favour of this Court Soe admitted cometh and Defendeth the force and Injury when etc. and Saith that he is in noe wise Guilty thereof and thereof for good and Evill putts himselfe upon the Country. John Meryton.

And his Majesty allso. Joshua Cecell.

Therefore it is commanded the Sheriffe that without delay he cause to come here twelve etc. by whome etc. to recognize etc. because as well etc. and now here att this day (to witt) the 26th day of September Annoque Domini 1699 came as well Joshua Cecell for his Majesty as the Said Thomas Oates by John Meryton his Attorney aforesaid and the Jurorors thereon Impanelled being called likewise came (to witt)

Mr. John Smith, Foreman, John Browne, William Greenup, Thomas Plummer, Thomas Wells, Robert Clarke, John Barrett, Mareen Devall, Francis Wheeler, James Watts, Thomas Lucas, William Clackson.