

The Right Honorable the said Right that now is of Body of Somerset County upon their Oath present that Nathaniel Whitaker late of County Parish in of County aforesaid Clerk on the twenty ninth day of December in the year of our said Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty nine with force and Arms at of Parish aforesaid in of County aforesaid with a certain Charged Gun which he the said Nathaniel in both his hands then there had and held in and upon a certain Thomas Fern in the peace of God and of said Lord Bishops then there being am would did make with an intent him & said Thomas then there feloniously, wilfully, and of his own Malice aforesaid, to kill and Murder and other Murther to the said Thomas then there did to the great Damage of of said Thomas and against the peace of his said Lordship that no is his good Guler Government &

Therefore it was commanded of Sheriff of Somerset County that immediately he should take the said Nathaniel Whitaker of to answer &

And afterwards in of same Court before the Justices there came the said Nathaniel Whitaker in his proper person and had a hearing of of Judgment of said Court that he is not thereof Guilty and so try all thereof puts himself upon of County and William Hayward Gentleman his Solicitor Attorney who for his said Lordship in this Proceedure in which names

Therefore the said Nathaniel Whitaker is ordered to Recognise with one Sely in Twenty pounds Current Money for his said Nathaniel Whitaker appearance at of next Court to be held at Bincus Arms Town in and for the County aforesaid the third Tuesday of June then next following to answer unto his said Lordship of and Concerning of Indictment of and do stand to abide the Judgment of of Court thereupon in & maintain the use of of good Behaviour

Therefore the said Nathaniel Whitaker with Williston of Somerset County Gentlemen his Sely both present before Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves indebted unto his said Lordship in the sum of Twenty pounds Current Money of Maryland of their Bodies Goods Chattels and other Tenements jointly & severally to of use of his said Lordship his heirs Executors and Assigns & if it happen that of said Nathaniel Whitaker do not make his personal appearance before of Justices of his Lordship's County Court of Somerset to be held at Bincus Arms Town of the third Tuesday of June then next following and do not answer unto his said Lordship of and Concerning the Indictment aforesaid do not stand and abide the Judgment of of Court therein and do not Defeat the same Court without Leave and in & meantime if he the said Nathaniel Whitaker be of of good Behaviour &

Therefore it is commanded of Sheriff of Somerset County that he should cause to come before his Lordship's Justices at of next Court to be held at Bincus Arms Town the third Tuesday of June then next following twelve Good and Lawful men of his Walsworth by whom the truth of of premises may be the better known and who are of no affinity to of said Nathaniel Whitaker to Recognise upon their Oath if the said Nathaniel Whitaker be Guilty of the Crimes of or not because as well the aforesaid William Hayward Gentleman his Lordship's Attorney who for his said Lordship in this part presaleth as of aforesaid Nathaniel Whitaker have put themselves upon of Jury All which said third Tuesday came the of William Hayward Gentleman his Lordship's Attorney who for his said Lordship in this part Prosecuteth the of Nathaniel Whitaker at the Solemnly called Bar not coming to of time of his Recognizance in that before acknowledged thereupon his Recognizance of of Court the use of until the next Court to be held at Bincus Arms Town in and for the County aforesaid the third Tuesday of August then next following to answer &

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