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The Province of Maryland & Eighth day of May Anno Domini 1695
at the Port of Annapolis Entitled an Act for regulating Ordinaries
and limiting the Number of them within this Province it
stands enacted by the Authority of the said Assembly that
any Ordinary Keeper disabled or surprest or any other person
that shall presume to keepe Ordinary without Surrender first
had and obtained Except all such persons as sett upon keepe
Ordinary or Ordinaries at the Port of Annapolis within the
County of Anne Arundel shall for every Month he or they shall
keepe Ordinary as aforesd forfeit and pay the sum of Ten th
Thousand pounds of Tobacco and halfe to their Maj^{ties} and the
other halfe to him or them that shall sue for the same to be
removed in any Court of Record within this Province by Bill
plaint or information wherein no Effroid protection or Wager
of Law to be allowed Yett notwithstanding the aforesd Edward cited re-
garding the aforesd Act of Assembly nor in any manner fearing
the penalty in the said Act containede after the publishing the said
Act and before the day of exhibiting this information that is to
say at the River within the Jurisdiction of this Court the
first day of October Anno 1697 and continually after for the
space of one whole month then next ensuing hath & sumph-
cally kept an Ordinary without Surrender first had and obtained
as the forme of the said Statute in that case made and provided
by which the said Edward hath forfeited and lost Ten Thousand
pounds of Tobacco whereupon this is Richard who followes as
well for our Sovereign Lord the King as for himselfe prays the
advisors of the Court in the premises and that the said Richard
may have the Moiety of the forfeiture according to the forme and
effect of the said Act of Assembly as aforesd that the aforesd Edward
may come hither into Court and Answer in and upon the premises
Not guilty & patrician & deposed Mark & deposed John & deposed
and this is Richard Mark & deposed who he saith he is guilty Mark & deposed