At a Court held for this County of Somerset in this Province of Maryland by the Maior Justices of ye Peace therein appointed the 14th day of Jany Anno Domini 169⅝ — — — —

Com Jurors. Mr. Wm Jones, wd Tho. Dixon, wd Geo. Layfield, wd Thomas Newbold, wd Sam Hopkins, wd Tho. Jones, wd Jnkins & wd Dennis Elzey.

Ordered by this Court that the Sheriff of this County forthwith Summon a Grand Jury to attend on ye Court on behalf of ye King & Qa.

The List or Samuel whereof are returned as follow-th (viz) John Lane Alexr Lyle, Edward Stockdell, Robt Smith, Robt Catlin, Sam Haney, Geo Roach Jnd John Townshend Senr, Daniel Dennahee Robt Polk, Abram Knott, James Gibson, Rob. Gibson, Edw. Harper Thomas Quillam & Wm Martin, so — who being duely impannelled Sumond & Sworn upon his holy Evangs Charged their Charge read and Seal Forth to enquire &c. —

This day Thomas Hardyman produced this following Copy (viz) Somerset County ss. At a County Court held the 11th day of Jany Anno Dom 168⅝ Com Present Coll. Wm Coulbourn — Capt. Hen Smith, wd Wm Broadon, wd Wm Jones viz

Thomas Hardyman brot to Arnold Elzey was Brought before this Court the same day & year as above judgt to be Thirty nine Lashes & thirteen ye mark of Iron. Vera Copia p Mast. Cl

The Prisn being by the Wor. Court considered, it is this Court judged that the sd Thomas had One year longer to serve his Mast. according to the known Laws of the Forest Country. — — — — —

The following Petition this day & year above read to the Wor. Court & granted viz — To the Right Worll Justices of ye Peace for Somerset County. — The Petion of Mary Mogranagh Widd most humbly sheweth that ye Petioners husband in Anno 169⅔ by Recognizance in this Wor. Court became bound for one John Carey's good behaviour & all the Inhabitants of this Province in the Sum of Compound & Marchandize to be levyed on his goods &c. Now be it so may it please ye Wor. ppr that ye Petioners husband being deceased hath left a poor Widd with seven small Children in a Deplorable & Helpless Condicon being scarce able to Support without the Charity of her Neighbours & friends & she therefore most humbly prays that this Wor. Court will please to Signifie the forsd promises to the Exctrs of this Province that the Bond may not prevail against the poor Widdow & fatherless, Sad as duly bound shall ever pray &c

This Petion being read & the premises Considered, it is the Wor. Courts judgt that the forsd Widd. be an object of Charity and to be free from Taxe, and therefore do Order the same be made known to the Exctrs. as pray'd. and that ye same be signed by ye Clk &c

Rex Matie
Contra
Jn Nobles &c

Somerset County ss. The Grand Jury for the body of this County at a Court held for the County aforesd adjourning made, the second Tuesday in November last past on their Oaths, do present Wm Nobles, Wallabye Cawsmus Marchant Thomas Philips & John Broughton for that they