

November Court 1703

His body before y<sup>e</sup> justices of West County Court to be held at y<sup>e</sup> Court house  
on Chester River on Court Tuesday in June following  
and she sh<sup>d</sup> have made return of this writ under seal of y<sup>e</sup> Court  
of me John Hawkins Gent. at y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of June Court the sh<sup>d</sup> have being  
comes and appears, & by Richard Macklin his atty, prays leave to leave  
to y<sup>e</sup> m<sup>rs</sup> pale therunto until next Court, it was given him y<sup>e</sup> same Day  
was given the pl<sup>ff</sup> alle

All y<sup>e</sup> next Court to wit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of July This year  
was continued, and it was continued from Court to Court until this 11<sup>th</sup>  
next Court, at y<sup>e</sup> West Court to wit this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of November anno 1703  
comes she sh<sup>d</sup> have by her atty. of y<sup>e</sup> pl<sup>ff</sup> by Michael Earle  
his atty who declares as followeth viz

West County John Nicholson of y<sup>e</sup> County of West stands attached to answer  
in Maryland unto John Johnson of y<sup>e</sup> same County of a plea of trespass upon

the land  
And whereupon she sh<sup>d</sup> have by Michael his atty. Complaineth sayeth  
y<sup>e</sup> whereas y<sup>e</sup> John Nicholson on y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of March anno Dom 1702 in West  
County in the jurisdiction of this Court, before Elias King Gent of his  
apostles justices of our Lady the Queen in Court sitting to hear & do  
mine Dis<sup>rs</sup> followers & transgressions in y<sup>e</sup> County Done or perpetrated by  
the names of William Comogis, Wm. Blay, Tho. Wyatt, Tho. Ford, James  
Thomas, George Coffey, Richard Moore, Anthony Richardson, William  
Price, Benatus Smith, George Dowell, Sam<sup>l</sup> Toroy, Henry Hinson  
Robert Foreman Robert Ingram, John Hughes, Benjamin Rivers  
Robert Park, Arthur Miller & Richard Mason, being the Grand Jurors  
for the Day of West County Duly Impaneled & sworn to upon  
evidence by the John Nicholson & the John Johnson then  
and there given Dis<sup>rs</sup> pure the John Johnson wrongfully to be indicted  
for y<sup>e</sup> he y<sup>e</sup> John Nicholson alleged then & there y<sup>e</sup> he y<sup>e</sup> John Johnson  
had concealed a certaine taxable named Stephen Mason belonging to  
the family of him the John Johnson & would not give in the name of y<sup>e</sup>  
said taxable unto y<sup>e</sup> John Nicholson who was then Constable for y<sup>e</sup>  
hundred wherein y<sup>e</sup> John Johnson then Dwelt & y<sup>e</sup> which said  
-nt, & before y<sup>e</sup> justices of our Lady the Queen at y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of  
Court after for y<sup>e</sup> following of y<sup>e</sup> prison, & the John Johnson  
was then & there brought to y<sup>e</sup> barre in his proper person under y<sup>e</sup> Custody  
of John Hawkins Gent High Sheriff of y<sup>e</sup> County, & by y<sup>e</sup> Justice  
of y<sup>e</sup> being asked, how he would say y<sup>e</sup> transgression afo<sup>sd</sup> upon him in  
manner & afo<sup>sd</sup> imposed) acquit himselfe, the John Johnson then & there  
so that he (in nothing) was thereof guilty, & putt himselfe upon the  
Country, and Richard Macklin Gent Clerk of the Indictment for y<sup>e</sup>  
County followed &c