

June Court 1720

Kent County in Maryland. The Jurors for the Right honourable the Lord  
 Prop<sup>r</sup> of the province of Maryland that now is and the Body of Kent County  
 on their oath do present that whereas a certain Charles Hill late of South Sas-  
 sapa<sup>x</sup> lower hundred servant of a certain Francis Collins late of South Sas-  
 sapa<sup>x</sup> lower hundred a<sup>s</sup> was under the ninth day of may in the year of  
 our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and twenty at South Sas-  
 sapa<sup>x</sup> lower hundred a<sup>s</sup> for suspicion of the pre-pense malicious and felonious burn-  
 ing of the Court house of our P<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup> in the Town of Custer in Kent County  
 a<sup>s</sup> was taken and arrested and afterwards viz<sup>t</sup> the ninth day of may in the  
 year a<sup>s</sup> at South Sas-  
 sapa<sup>x</sup> lower hundred a<sup>s</sup> in Shrewsbury parish in  
 Kent County a<sup>s</sup> and within the Jurisdiction of this Court by William Emery  
 Gentleman then and now at this present time one of the Justices of our said  
 Lord proprietary the peace of the County a<sup>s</sup> to keep as also diverse felonies  
 Transgresses and other Misdemeanours in the County a<sup>s</sup> Done to hear and  
 Determine appointed for the a<sup>s</sup> suspicion of the a<sup>s</sup> pre-pense malicious  
 felonious burning of the Court house a<sup>s</sup> by the a<sup>s</sup> Charles Hill supposed to  
 be done Examined then and there by the a<sup>s</sup> William Emery Gent into  
 the Goal of our P<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup> in Kent County a<sup>s</sup> in the Custody of Simon  
 Wilmer Gent then and now Sheriff of the County a<sup>s</sup> these to remain and safe-  
 ly to be kept till what time according to Law and the Custome of our said  
 Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> he should be committed Nevertheless the a<sup>s</sup> Charles Hill in the  
 Goal a<sup>s</sup> for the a<sup>s</sup> suspicion of the a<sup>s</sup> pre-pense malicious burning  
 of the Court house a<sup>s</sup> So as is set forth under the Custody of the a<sup>s</sup> Simon  
 Wilmer Gent Sheriff of the County a<sup>s</sup> then and there by the a<sup>s</sup> John  
 being the eleventh day of July in the year a<sup>s</sup> the Goal of our P<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup>  
 in Kent County a<sup>s</sup> at Custer hundred in S<sup>t</sup> Pauls parish in Kent County  
 a<sup>s</sup> within the Jurisdiction of this Court feloniously did brake and of the P<sup>r</sup>  
 Goal in the Custody of the a<sup>s</sup> Simon Wilmer Gent Sheriff of the County a<sup>s</sup>  
 then and there last mentioned feloniously did go and escape against the  
 peace of our P<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup> his Rule and Dignity and against the form of  
 an act of Assembly of this province now in force in such case made and  
 provided

Evid: Simon Wilmer Sher

Macbride p<sup>r</sup> P<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup>

Bulla Vera Abram Redgrave foreman

And the a<sup>s</sup> Charles Hill here present in Court being ordered to give Security  
 for his appearance to the next provincial Court to be held for the province  
 of Maryland at the City of Annapolis to answer unto the a<sup>s</sup> indictment  
 But the a<sup>s</sup> Charles giving no Security This Court here Orders That Gideon  
 Pearce Gent present high Sheriff of the a<sup>s</sup> Kent County keep the a<sup>s</sup> Cha