

Mardi Court --- 1723 --- 147

His Lordship

Somerset for

The Inhabitants for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this

Wm. White & Benj. Nesam

provinces that Now is for the body of Somerset County upon their Oath do present that Wm.

White Late of Slapney Parish in the County of Somerset Esquire and Benj. Nesam Late

of the same Parish and County Esquire the twenty eighth day of December One thousand seven hundred & twenty -

three with force and arms at Slapney ^{Parish} in the County aforesaid within the Jurisdiction of this Court four unmarked Shells of the price of thirty Shillings Court money of Maryland then & there being found then & there feloniously did Kees Storer take and carry away against the Peace of our Said Lord Proprietary his good law & Dignity and also against the form of the act of assembly in such Case made & provided &c. I hope of Good Group

There Command is given to the Sherif of Somerset County that he should take the Said William White and Benj. Nesam if &c to answer &c. And now hereafterwards to with the same day and year hence the Said Wm. White and Benj. Nesam and being by the Sherif. Sent to the Barr. Indictment lead in there upon Instantly demanded how they would acquit themselves of the premises aforesaid as by the Indictment above Imposed upon them say that of the premises aforesaid as by the Indictment in manner & form is supposed upon them they are no way guilty thereof and for by reason thereof they put themselves upon the Country & Lewis Gale who for his Said Lordship in this behalf presenteth Likewise

Thereupon Command is given to the Sherif of Somerset County that Immediately

he Cause to Come here twelve &c by whom &c who neither &c to be quire &c because as well &c of which Said Cause the Said Sherif to with Joseph McCarter Esquire. Now hereat this day to with the same day & year master before that he has here ready twelve &c as by his Said precept he was Commanded and the Jurors therein Impannelled being Called Came to with Thomas Coale, John Dennis Esq. John White Mariner, William Holland Isaac Williams John Beavins, Lazarus Medd Esq. Esquire David Hazard, John Patrick Esq. Adam Spence Esq. Edmund Hough and William Miller who being duly Sworn upon their Oath do say that the Said William White and Benjamin Nesam are not guilty of the premises as by the Indictment above is Imposed upon them &c. Wherefore it is Considered by the Justice here that the Said Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary take nothing by the Indictment aforesaid but that the Said William White and Benjamin Nesam go thereof without any acquittal &c. Whereupon the Said Benj. Nesam and William White are discharged from the Indictment aforesaid they giving Security to pay the several Officers their fees due by reason of the premises hereupon Joseph McCarter of Somerset County Esquire. present here in Court undertakes for the Said William White & Benj. Nesam &c acknowledged himself to be &c stand Justly Indebted unto his Said Lordship the Lord Proprietary in the Sum of ten pounds Court money to be paid on his Body goods &c Chattels Land &c tenements for the use of Said Officers in Case he doth not pay & satisfy unto the several Officers their fees due by action of the premises aforesaid &c