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whereupon the said Sheriff altho' solemnly called brings not in the body of the said Alexander Gordon according to the return affin written but made default thereto —

Wherefore thet the prayer of Lewis Gale Esq^r who for his said Lordship in this behalfe prosecute the said of Powerset County to wit John Burnall is amerced ^{by this Court} in his Said Lordship five hundred pounds of tobacco for his default aforesaid as also as much tobacco as will satisfy unto the several Officers their fees due by reason of the premises aforesaid &c —

The Same We of the Grand Jury do present Soutby Whittington for keeping a false measure for Gram Soutby Whittington contrary to act of assembly Samuel Turner Informer.

Thereupon Command was given to the Sheriff of Powerset County that he should take the said Soutby Whittington to answer it and afterwards in the same Court came the said Soutby Whittington in his proper person and whereupon Lewis Gale Esq^r who for his said Lordship in this behalfe prosecutes by Judgment of the Court freely saith that he will not against the said Soutby Whittington further prosecute on the presentment aforesaid by Reason of the insufficiency thereof &c. Therefore it is considered that the presentment aforesaid be quashed and that the said Soutby Whittington be thereof quiet and have his of without day &c.

The Same of Powerset County p. The Jurors for the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that now is for the body of Thomas Duncan the County aforesaid upon their Oath do present that Thomas Duncan Late of Powerset County Schoolmaster the tenth day of April in the year of Our Lord 1791 One thousand Seven hundred and

Ninety One at Powerset County aforesaid and within the Jurisdiction of this Court with force and arms one Bible of the value of ten Shillings ^{or about} money and one Gold Ring of the value of ten Shillings like money ^{and} of the proper Goods and Chattels of a certain man ^{and} well of the same County Spurster him and these being found him and these feloniously did take Steal and bear away against the peace of the said Lord Proprietary his good Rule and Government and contrary to the form of the act of assembly in that case made and provided g^r Lewis Gale Esq^r Judgments.

Sesters Andrew Rathbone Joseph Leonard, Joshua Fieldwell, Thomas Colou and Brent Nuttall.

On the backside of the foregoing bill of Judgment it was thus endorsed by Mr. Gale —

And afterwards in the same Court came the said Thomas Duncan under custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid into whose custody before that time was committed for his Sureties and being by the said Sheriff sent to the barre instantly demanded how he would acquit himself of the felony in the Judgment aforesaid above upon him imposed whereinon the said Thomas Duncan ^{testimony of} says ^{that he is not the} ^{Gilty} and therefor for to paye his full Punishe upon the Country and Lewis Gale Esq^r who for his said Lordship in this behalfe prosecutes in this manner.

Thereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Powerset County that immediately he should cause to have a Hearer before the Justice of his Lordships County Court of Powerset wherein by whom he who neither be to recognizable and the Jurors of that Jury by the said Judge Impannelled who