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Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. Justices of a special Court of oyer and terminer
and goal delivery held at deciding creek in the County afo. on the said
twentieth first day of December Anno Domini MDCCXXXVI a certain bill
of Indictment to be written did cause which bill of Indictment did contain
this false and scandalous matter following Viz. His Lordship & Wm. Macclesney
Somerset County fo. The Jurors for the Right Honour-
able the Lord proprietary that now is for the Body of the County afo.
upon their oath do present that Wm. Macclesney late of Somerset
County ^{planter} the twenty first day of December in the year of our Lord God
one thousand seven hundred thirty and six at the Court house at devi-
ding creek in the County afo. one gray gelding being the proper-
goods and Challes of a certain Robert Collier with force and arms un-
lawfully did take and Imprison and the same gelding so as afo. Imprison-
ed being with force and arms did disfigure and from the tail of the said
gelding then and there the hair thereof did with force and arms unlawfully
cut to the great damage of the said Robert ^{Collier} and against the peace of the right
Honourable the Lord proprietary his good rule and Government &c. and
the afo. bill of Indictment in form afo. written and in it the afo. false scan-
dalous and maliciously matter above recited containing afterwards to
wit on the day and year last afo. to the Justices of the said Lord
proprietary at a special Court of oyer and terminer and goal delivery
on the day and year last afo. by the said Justices for the County afo.
at deciding creek afo. held did cause to be delivered which bill of Indict-
ment the said Justices of the said Robert then and there did receive and
the said bill thereupon to the Jurors of the Grand Inquest for the
said County at the said goal delivery upon the holy Evangelist of
almighty God there and there charged and sworn there and there did
deliver to enquire and the truth of and concerning the matter in the said
bill contained ^{to present which matter in the said Bill contained} afterwards to wit the day and year last afo. at the County
afo.