

Lord Proprietary Information

James Bailey - Convict Confession

Ordered by the Court here that a bench Warrant Issue directed to the Sheriff of Charles County to take the body of James Bailey and him safe keep so that he have him before the Justices now sitting immediately to answer unto what shall be then and there objected against him. And afterwards to wit the same second Tuesday in November a<sup>d</sup>. the said James Bailey in Custody of the Sheriff namely Samuel Hanson Gentleman to the Court here brought in his proper Person Comes. Whereupon it is ordered the said James Bailey Enter into Recognizance in the sum of Five pounds Current Money of Maryland with one Surety in the sum of Fifty Shillings like Money for his good Behaviour to and appearance here from day to day during the sitting of this Court to answer &c. Whereupon into Court here in his proper person Comes the said James Bailey of Charles County Planter and Richard Harrison of same County Gentleman and acknowledge themselves to owe and stand Justly Indebted unto his Lordship the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary that is to say the said James Bailey in the sum of Five pounds Current Money of Maryland and the said Richard Harrison in the sum of Fifty Shillings like Money which sum they and each of them severally yielded and Granted should and might be levied on their and each of their Goods Chattels Lands and Tenements to and for the Use of his said Lordship his Heirs Successors.

On Condition that the said James Bailey do and shall make his personal Appearance here from day to day during the sitting of this Court to answer unto all such matters and things as shall be objected against him on behalf of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary and stand to and abide by the Judgment of the said Court and in the meantime keep the peace and be of good Behaviour towards his said Lordship the Lord Proprietary and all other People of this Province, and not depart the same Court without Leave thereof. And afterwards to wit the same second Tuesday in Nov<sup>r</sup>. a<sup>d</sup>. the said James Bailey into Court here in his proper person Comes according to the Tenor of the Recognizance a<sup>d</sup>. taken here this Court for his the said James Baileys appearance here &c. Whereupon Henry Darnall Esquire his Lordships Attorney General Oratorus before the Court here to understand and be Informed that the said James was and still is guilty of keeping and secreting his Lordships process against him the said James Bailey. Whereupon the said James Bailey being present here in Court in his proper person being asked whether he be guilty of the Informations a<sup>d</sup>. upon him imposed. saith that he is in nowise thereof guilty but for that he will not contend with his Lordship the Lord Proprietary in this Part humbly submits himself to the Court. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said James Bailey be fined the sum of one Shilling Current Money for his offence a<sup>d</sup>. by the Court here adjudged and that the said James Bailey be taken &c. Whereupon into Court here in his proper person Comes Hugh Perry of Charles County Planter and becomes pledge and security for the said James Bailey to pay the fine a<sup>d</sup>. as also the several fees due to the Officers and ministers of the Court here by reason of the Summons.

Cap<sup>d</sup>.

Be it Remembered that James Bailey appears here according to the Tenor of a certain Recognizance taken here this Court that is to say himself in Five pounds Current Money of Maryland together with Richard Harrison his main person in the sum of Fifty Shillings like Money for the Baileys appearance here &c. Therefore be the said James Bailey together his main person a<sup>d</sup>. from the force and Effect of this same Recognizance are acquitted & Discharged.