

This day came before me James Wallbridge, and acknowledged himself to own unto the said Proprietor one thousand pound weight of good merchantable tobacco to be paid into the said Proprietor's hands or assigns. &c.

The condition of the Recognition is that if the within bounden James Wallbridge shall well and truly execute the office of Sheriff to him committed, & shall execute all writs and warrants to him directed so far forth as he may, the said Recognition shall be void; or else to stand in full force and virtue.

Recogn' coram me  
John Carger Secretary.

James Wallbridge

On August 16th before the Court of the County of St. Mary's, on Wednesday the 31st of January 1637. upon view of the bodies of one John Abriant, late of Mattapanicut plantation deceased, you and your living dead before him;

Nicolas Garnett  
John Wyatt  
John Galbreith  
Edward Alcott  
Thomas Abrahamson  
Thomas Martin

Randall Robell  
John Hilliard  
Nicolas Garvey  
Niggard Lufford  
John Robinson  
Carger Matthew

} planters

is the number of twelve Jurors, ~~being~~ impanelled, and agreed to inquire for the said John Abriant cause by his death.

was say you your oath, that the aforesaid John Abriant by the fall of a tree had his plant killed therein; and that two persons under the tree in the left side; & so yet by means of the fall of the said tree you the said John Abriant came by his death. And further you the aforesaid the Jurors say that the said tree was indeed the death of the said John Abriant; & therefore find the said tree forfeited to the Lord Proprietor.

The examination of Joseph Edlow of Mattapanicut plantation, taken by virtue of an oath administered to him by the Court aforesaid, on the day aforesaid.

That the said Joseph Edlow doth say upon his oath, that he the said Edlow doth say that the said John Abriant was falling of a tree in your plantation; and being likely to fall, the said Edlow called to the said John Abriant, and said unto him, take care of your self, for the tree is falling; at which words the said John Abriant went back from the tree first or second; so the tree falling fell upon him and was not far off; and so the body of the said John Abriant was killed, & bounded to the said John Abriant, & killed him; & that the said John Abriant shall not be the said Edlow's plantation being aforesaid; with the said Edlow's oath.