[illegible] Edward Plowden [illegible]
[illegible] against the peace of the Lord Proprietary &c.

Ignoramus.

The Grand Jury was charged wth 2. Bills more, viz.

1. Lett it be enquired for the Lord Proprietary if at a meeting in St Clements
yesterday on Sunday in April 1643. Richard Fowler mariner did use & utter
certaine malicious & scandalous words against the Publicke Power of Prince Rupert
viz. [that Prince Rupert was Prince Traitor & Prince Rogue, and if he
had him aboard his ship he would throw him at the capstan] maliciously &
scandalously against the peace of the Lord Proprietary &c.

Ignoramus.

2. Lett it be enquired for the Lord Proprietary if Richard Fowler mariner on 30th day of
March last, aboard the Ship called the S. Georges Tiber within the County
of St Mary's, did use & utter these traitorous words (viz, that the King (meaning
Sr Robert Lisle Knight) was no King nor would be no King, nor could be no
King, unless he did joine with the Parliament.] intending & conspiring the death
destruction of the Lord Pr. as an enemy & traitor, contrary to his allegiance
fealty & duty to the said Lord Pr. &c.

and the Jury not agreeing upon their verdict, at 7th night, prayed to be discharged
& the Secretary adjourned the Court & Jury till Saturday morn: next 9. clock.

Cur Provinc; apud S. Johis 3° Febr. 1643.

3 The Secretary read in Court the 15. article of the Lord^{ds} Instructions under the
Land & Seale; bearing date at London 20th October 1642. in these words
a [that in case the number of the said Counsellors either by death absence or otherwise
a shall at any time happen to be reduced to Eight then the said Lieut.)
the Lord doth in that case give power to the Lieut. to supply the number by nominating
and constituting one or two more such other able persons in the said place to be of the Lord^{ds} Counsell
and Conservator of the peace there, as the said Lieut. shall think fitt, upon the
Lord^{ds} Solicitor (after he shall take the oaths of fidelity & of Counsellors to the Lord^{ds}
(wch the Lord^{ds} respectively & authoritie the said Lieutenant to administer unto them) shall
give all the powers & preeminences of Counsellors and Conservators of the Peace
within the Province, till upon notice given thereof to the Lord^{ds} the pleasure
shall be further known therein.

Wherefore upon the Lieut. Generall nominated Thomas Gerrard Gent to be
the Lord^{ds} Counsell & Conservator of the peace within the Province, who took the
oath of fidelity in these words

I do truly & faithfully & truly acknowledge the right hon. Cecilius Lo. Baltimore lord Baron
of Baltimore Lord & Proprietary of the Prov. & country of Maryland & the Islands thereunto
belonging, and I do swear that I will bear true & faithe unto the Lord^{ds} the said Lord
& Proprietary of the said Prov: & will yeilde willing & true obedience to the Lord^{ds} & his
his Heirs & their government in temporall affairs in the said Prov:
& Islands thereunto belonging as to true & absolute Lord & Proprietary of the