

At the Court house at New-Yarmouth in Kent County Aug. 4th 1683
Dwenty eighth in the eighth year of the Dominion of his Majesty
Charles absolute Lord and Prop^r of the Province of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. Anno Domini 1683;

Wicks, Hofier & Miller
vs
Rugold Comptrol^r

Majors Joseph Wicks, M^r Henry Hofier & M^r Michael Miller meeting
at the said Court house to serve the Sp^{ts} and Comtreys, according to
his Sp^{ts} Commission, they not being qualified to s^{er}ve Court
under the number of four Commission^s. So that wanting one
to make a full Court it was ordered that the Sheriff s^{er}ve
Maj^r Rugold to appear and sit with the above Commission^s.
The said Maj^r Rugold appearing and being desired to sit, he
very presumptuously refused and said he would not sit, which
Answer of Maj^r Rugold was ordered to be recorded, And
that all Suits and all other Affairs concerned at y^e Court
were desired by the above said Commission^s to take notice of y^e
appearing of the S^{er} Maj^r Wicks, M^r Hofier, and M^r Miller
to sit and serve the Sp^{ts} and Comtreys, and that it is not by or
through their means or Neglect that any Person should suffer
in any thing depending in the said Court, they being very ready
and willing to serve the Sp^{ts} and Comtreys according to y^e trust
reposed by his Sp^{ts} in the S^{er} Commission^s.

Taken from y^e Record of the King the Court

Rugold to
Wicks Hofier & Miller
Answer

An Answer to the pretended Order or Complaint of Maj^r Wicks, M^r
Hofier, and M^r Miller Commission^s of Kent County against Maj^r James
Rugold.

First

That on the 16th Decemb^r last M^r Wicks came to New-Yarmouth with M^r
Evert and M^r Common, and there importuned the said Rugold to join
to lay a new Levy, the Levy being duly laid b^o for p^{ro}viding some other
Account due to the said Wicks and some other Persons, the said Rugold asked
them how they would do for a Clerk, the said Wicks said he would make
one, then the said Rugold asked how they would do for a Sheriff, and the
said Wicks answered the same words, at which time the said Rugold told
them, he would have nothing to do with any such Matters, the Levy for y^e
County being duly made up the first Decemb^r 1682.

Secondly

That on the 28th July 1682: by order from y^e Sp^{ts} the Justice being
warned to hold a Court for Election of Delegates, the S^{er} Wicks & Evert
took occasion in a scandalous manner to upbraid the S^{er} Rugold and the
said Common for having given Edward Swettum the Oath of Deputy
Sheriff, the said Wicks, Hofier Evert and Miller having read an order
before that the said Swettum should not be sworn or serve as