

Rousby called his L<sup>tes</sup> Trayto: to his H<sup>on</sup>., and his L<sup>tes</sup> Offering lo  
 speak again M<sup>r</sup> Rousby told him he had best hold his tongue & say no  
 more or words to that effect, that y<sup>e</sup> next Day or soon after his L<sup>tes</sup>  
 Negro Boy Peter was sent away in all haste to S<sup>t</sup> Maris who was  
 sent to ride very hard being sent as was supposed for his H<sup>on</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Chancello  
 that his Chancello was sent to go back with y<sup>e</sup> said Negro and had been  
 at Mattapony almost every Day since that he th<sup>o</sup>ught Burdett had read this  
 Intelligence from On<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Person living in y<sup>e</sup> house with M<sup>r</sup> Rousby  
 Whereupon Ordered that John Burdett be summoned to make his appearance at  
 y<sup>e</sup> Council Board to morrow afternoon at 3 a Clock where y<sup>e</sup> said Person is  
 also to appear.

Ita Council held at Ditto place y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1678:

Where were present as yesterday together with L<sup>tes</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas Sailer

John Burdett according to summons y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> day makes his appearance and being  
 examined owns the words by him spoken to John Howellin according to y<sup>e</sup>  
 information of y<sup>e</sup> said Howellin but denies y<sup>e</sup> Author to be M<sup>r</sup> Person, but  
 that he had it from On<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smith, that M<sup>r</sup> Person never spoke  
 one word of it, Whereupon Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> said Burdett be Empow<sup>rd</sup> to  
 summon Anthony Evans of S<sup>t</sup> Maris County (who y<sup>e</sup> said Burdett did  
 all day was in company with y<sup>e</sup> said Smith spoke y<sup>e</sup> words) to appear befor  
 y<sup>e</sup> Council to morrow th<sup>o</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon and that he y<sup>e</sup> said Burdett do  
 also give his attendance. The following Ord<sup>r</sup> did accordingly issue forth  
 directed to y<sup>e</sup> said Burdett. viz

You are hereby will<sup>d</sup> and Required to summon Anthony Evans of y<sup>e</sup> County  
 to appear befor the L<sup>tes</sup> Council at y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Chancello House to  
 morrow th<sup>o</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to testify y<sup>e</sup> truth of his knowledg<sup>e</sup>  
 to such matters as shall be th<sup>o</sup> and th<sup>o</sup> propounded to him, Dated th<sup>o</sup>  
 7<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno 1678:

To M<sup>r</sup> John Burdett of S<sup>t</sup>  
 Maris County Sh<sup>er</sup>.

Signed for the Council  
 Howellin C. Conis.

Let Edward Slye high Sheriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maris County is Ord<sup>r</sup>d by the  
 Council to take into custody Thomas Smith of S<sup>t</sup> Maris County for that  
 he have him befor y<sup>e</sup> Council to morrow afternoon 3 a Clock.

Warrant also Directed to M<sup>r</sup> John Hawks of Calvert County to take into  
 custody William Person and to bring him befor y<sup>e</sup> Council at y<sup>e</sup> same time  
 which is as follow: viz

Charles Calvert Lord and Prop<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord  
 Baron of Baltimore &c. do M<sup>r</sup> John Hawks of Calvert County greeting W<sup>h</sup>  
 comend you that you take William Person of y<sup>e</sup> County for that you have his  
 body befor the L<sup>tes</sup> Council at y<sup>e</sup> house of y<sup>e</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 to morrow th<sup>o</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon to answer unto such things as shall  
 be th<sup>o</sup> and th<sup>o</sup> all day ag<sup>t</sup> him hereof fail not and have you th<sup>o</sup> this  
 precept Given und<sup>r</sup> my hand & Seal this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno Dni 1678:

Signed With (Seal) Calvert