

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Saturday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of November in the ninth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1759

Present

- His Excellency M<sup>rs</sup> Mordaunt Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor
- Benjamin Sutor Esq<sup>r</sup>
- John Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>
- John Parson Esq<sup>r</sup>
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His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter and Depositions to M<sup>r</sup> John Bracco

Sir - I beg the favour of you to come and do a small matter of Business for me I am in trouble and rendered incapable of coming to you I humbly crave you'd come immediately and settle some affair for me if I live I'll pay you for your trouble if not my Wife will to write a bond of Conveyance for me for gods sake I have no other friend to Depend on this Occasion pray meet me at the Widow Reynolds from

Sir Your very humble Servant John Brack

Sir - I do not want this to be talked of The Deposition of John Bracco of Queen Anns County who being sworn on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God concerning his knowledge of John Brucke of the said County now under Condemnation for the murder of his Wife Deposeth and saith that he has been acquainted with said Brucke for some years past & for the last two years particularly in the Summer fifty eight heard him complain that he had been five or six Weeks incapable of prosecuting his Affairs by reason of a heavyness on his Spirits which he could not give any account for and which of late had been troublesome to him This with a Letter this Depo<sup>t</sup> received from him a Day or two before the Murder aforesaid and several messages about the same time relating to some business he wanted him to transact induced him the Depo<sup>n</sup>t to believe the said Brucke disordered in his Senses as he could no other way account for them But this Depo<sup>n</sup>t saith that he did not at any time see the said Brucke while he was in any Vapourish Fit and further saith not  
October 18<sup>th</sup> 1759  
Batt Hamilton

James Finley of Queen Anns County Aged thirty nine years being sworn on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God saith that he hath known John Brucke now under Confinement on Suspicion of having murdered his Wife seven or eight years that said Brucke since Harvest last has appeared more heavy and Dull than usual that he was frequently complaining of being disordered in his Head that he appeared to be in some doubts of the right way of Worship but that he always seemed to Argue with the same Strength of Reason & Judgment as well since Harvest as before This Depo<sup>n</sup>t further saith that he verily believes the Grounds of said Bruckes Complaints to be the loss of his Daughter who died some time since and Jealousy of his Wife and further saith not Sworn before the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Queen Anns County the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October Anno 1759  
Nathan Wright

Richard Reynolds of Queen Anns County Aged twenty nine years being sworn on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God saith that he hath known John Brucke now under Confinement on Suspicion of having murdered his Wife fifteen or sixteen years that said Brucke since last Harvest has seemed to be very uneasy and often complained to this Depo<sup>n</sup>t of having Reasons to Suspect his Wife but that he (Brucke) never appeared to be deprived of his Reason or anywise inclined to Madness This Depo<sup>n</sup>t further saith that he verily believes Jealousy was the whole Cause of said Bruckes extreme Disorder and further saith not Sworn before the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Queen Anns County the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October Anno 1759  
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Queen Anns County for Thomas Baker of Queen Anns County Justice being sworn on the holy Evangelis of Almighty God Deposeth that ever since John Brucke had been in Goal under his care he has never  
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