

and Delegates of this Present Lower House of Assembly, constrained by the necessities of our fidelity and conscience, Complain and shew unto your Lordship that Charles James Your Lordships high Sheriff of Cecil County hath by Divers ways and means committed many high and Grievous Offences contrary to many good and wholesome Laws in such Cases Provided and is particularly Touched in these following Articles Vizt —

1st — That the said Charles James in the Lower house of Assembly when a solemn Oath was administered by them to him, did wilfully Corruptly and falsely Swear against Abraham Wilder one of Your Lordships Justices of Cecil County in Matters relating to his Office of administering of Justice in the County Court of Cecil —

2^d — That the said Charles James did threaten Thoni: Prentice and Perswade Thomas Bennett of St. Maries County Roger Lawrence of Cecil County and Edward Lawrence of the same County to Subornation of Perjury against the said Wilder in Matters relating to the Office of Commissioner of the Peace for Cecil County and in the County Court —

3^d — That the said Charles James about the 11th Day of May 1676 upon the Person of Edward Pymme of Cecil County did make an assault and then and thereby took away some one Copy of Writings belonging to the said Edward Pymme and others to the Value of money where he did take and carry away and the same from him the said Edward did demand unjustly to the almost utter Ruine of the said Edward and the same refusing to Deliver he for the same under Colour of his Office and a Warrant from some Justice for the space of fifteen Days falsely Imprisoned & restrain the said Edward that in presence of several Persons in Cecil County having some Difference with the said Edward Pymme, did utter these false Scandalous Seditious Malicious and Libellous Words, that he the said Charles James was now Lord Proprietary, contrary to an Act of Assembly in that Case Provided, as by the said Writings and other Papers hereunto Annexed may appear —

4th — all which his false and signed Informations and evil practices and speeches he humbly conceives the said Charles James hath most frequently abused your Lordship and your Lordships two Houses of Assembly and the good People of this Province —

May it please your Lordship therefore out of your great Goodness to the good People of this Province to order that the said Charles James may for the future be Disabled to Bear any Publick Office or Employment and also receive such Corporall Punishment as the Nature of so great Crimes require — that so he may be a Terrible Example to others & depending upon your Lordships good and wholesome Laws for the future and in so doing we shall truly say as in Duty bound for your Lordships and happy Dominion over us &c.

Lower house of Assembly 23 May 1676
I shall humbly subscribe unto that this Imprecation as it is Drawn up by the Committee with the Papers relating thereto be Presented to his Lordship