

Articles of Impeachment against Charles James of Cecil County Exhibited by the Lower House of Assembly, to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary and upper house of Assembly.

Your Lopp^s true faithfull and obedient people the Burgesses and Delegates of this present Lower house of Assembly, constrained by the necessities of our Fidelity and Conscience Complain and shew unto your Lopp^s that Charles James your Lopp^s High Sheriff of Cecil County hath by divers ways and means committed many high and grievous offences contrary to many good and wholesome Lawes in such Cases provided and is particularly touched in these following Articles, viz:

1st That the said Charles James in the Lower house of Assembly when a Lawfull Oath was administered by them to him did willfully corruptly and falsely swear ag^t Abraham wilde one of your Lopp^s Justices of Cecil County in matters relating to his office of administering Justice in the County Court of Cecil.

2^d That the said Charles James did threaten tempt, entice and persuade Thomas Bennett of St. Marys County, Roger Laimore of Cecil County and Edward Laimore of the same County to Subornation of perjury ag^t the said wilde in matters relating to his office of the Commissioners of the peace for Cecil County and in County Court.

3^d That the said Charles James about the 4th day of May 1676 upon the person of Edward Pymme of Cecil County did make an assault and then and there by force of Armes one bagg of writings belonging to the said Edward Pymme and others to the value of 100,000⁰⁰ Tobacco did take and carry away and the same from him the said Edward still unjustly deteyneth to the almost utter ruine of the said Edward and the same refusing to deliver did for the same under Colours of his office and a precept from your Lopp^s for the space of fifteen days falsely imprison and restrained the said Edward, that in presence of severall persons in Cecil County having some difference with the said Edward Pymme, did utter these false, scandalous, seditious malicious and rebellious words That he the said Charles James was now Lord Proprietary, contrary to an Act of Assembly in that Case provided, as by the Affidavits and other papers hereunto annexed may appeare.

By all which his false and feined information and evil practices and speeches we humbly conceive the said Charles James hath most injuriously abused your Lopp^s and your Lopp^s two houses of Assembly and the good people of this Province.

May it please your Lopp^s therefore out of your great goodnesse to the good people of this Province doe to order that the said Charles James may for ever future be disabled to beare any publick office or employment